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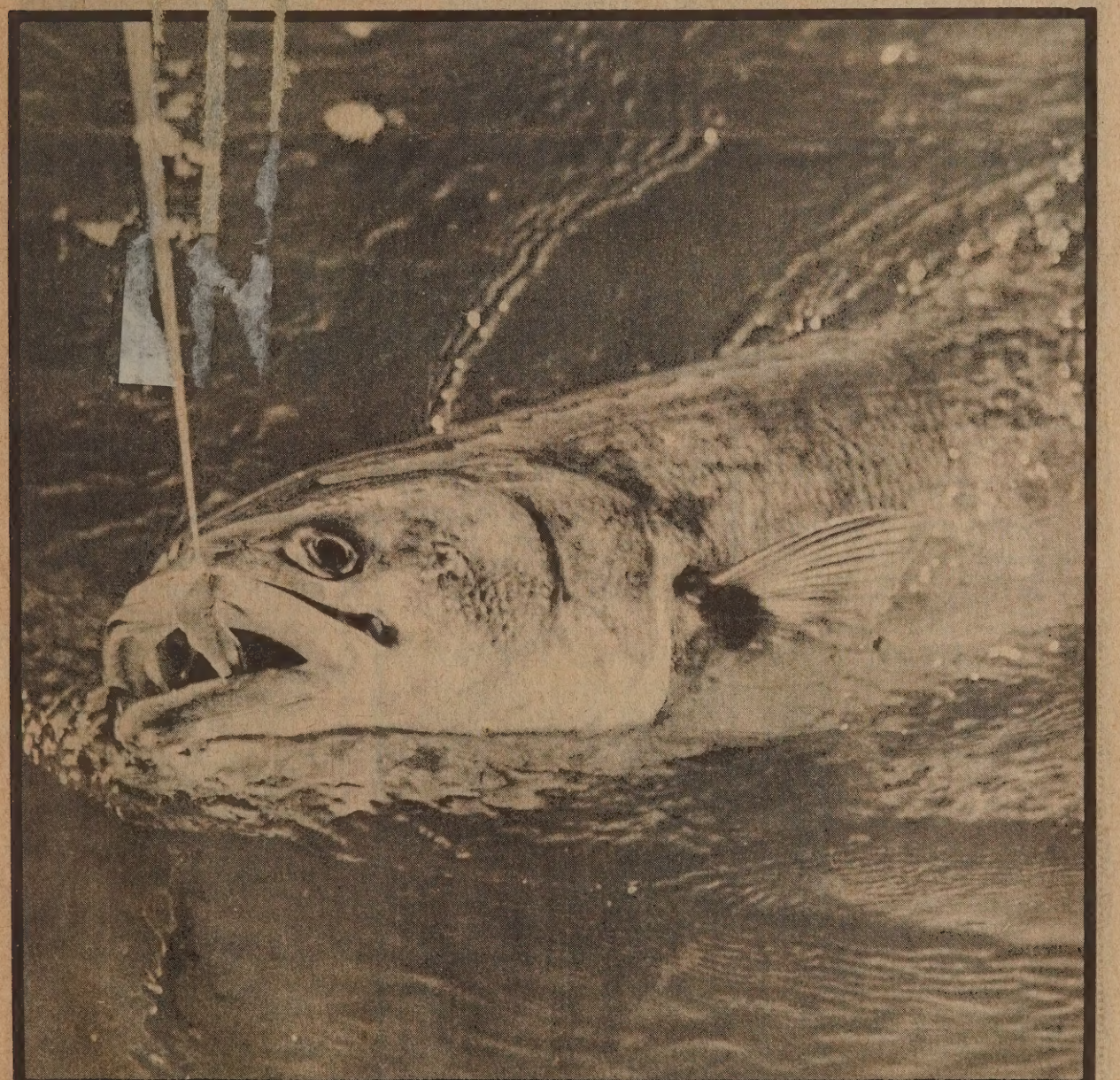

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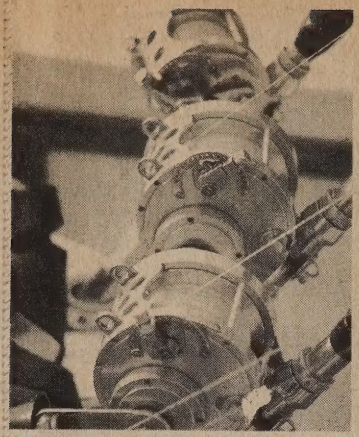

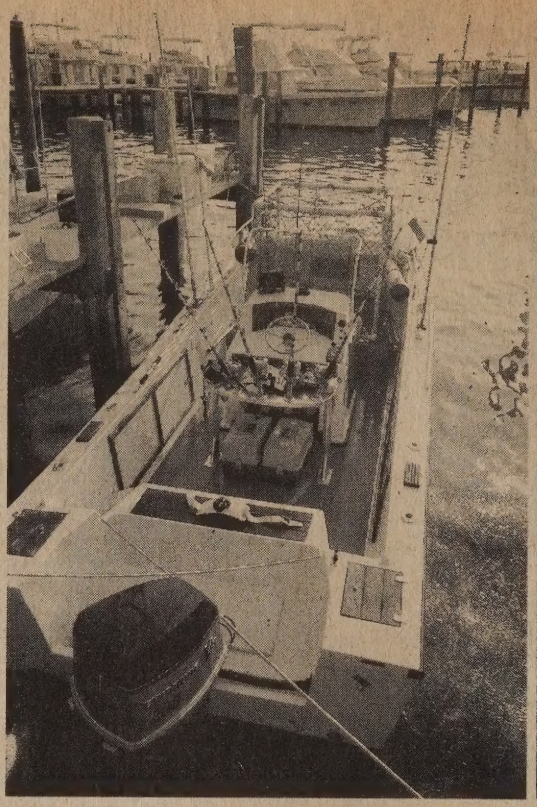

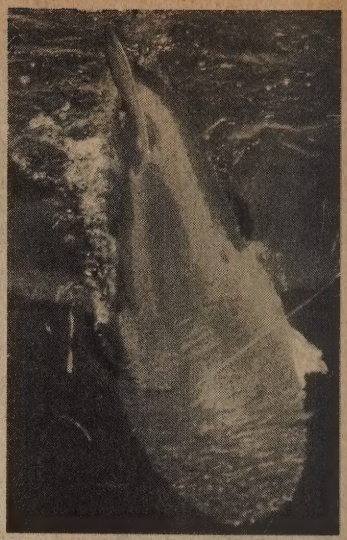

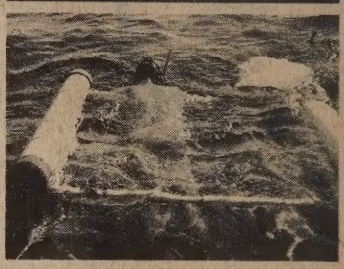

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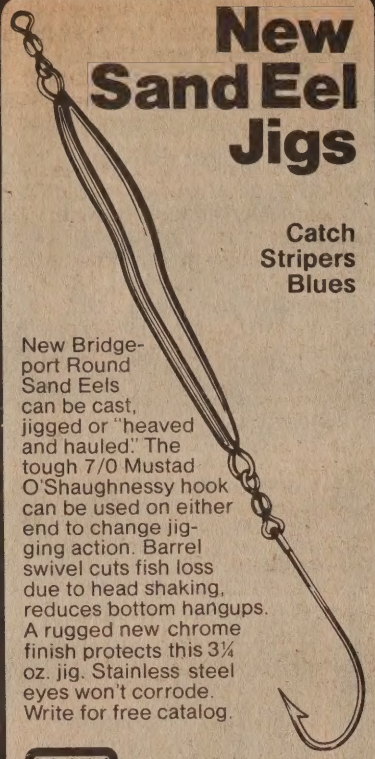

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Captain Ken Kriesler of the "Babe", who will be on board the entire month cruise, may be contacted for more details at 212-6234-2488.

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Will the new drive for unbridled economic growth destroy Long Island as we know it today? THAT ANSWER IS YES!!

A grass roots attempt to bring some sense of priorities to where we go as an Island is now in its formative stage. Concerned citizens, with no age limitation are being sought as members of the Friends of Long Island to keep a watchful eye on any development that could have a serious impact upon our air, land or water.

Are **you** concerned?, do **you** want a clean environment?, then write to: **Friends of Long Island, Box 55, Seaford, L.I. 11783** and find out how **you** can help determine our environmental future.

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Contests & Tournaments

CITY'S NEW PIER OPENS WITH KIDS' SNAPPER DERBY

The Mayor's Annual Snapper Derby for children will take place on the City's new 500-foot long fishing pier at Pryibil Beach on Long Island Sound as part of Glen Cove's Labor Day weekend festivities, Glen Cove Mayor Vincent A. Suozzi announced. The fishing tournament will be open to boys and girls competing in four categories: boys age 6 to 10, or 11 to

16 years of age, and girls age 6 to 10 or 11 to 16 years of age.

"The Snapper Derby," according to Suozzi, "is the first organized event to take place on the pier which was built this summer. It will begin at 11 AM and end at 3 PM, since high tide at the beach is at 11:45 a.m. that Saturday, September 2. Just in case we're rained out, we have set the next day, Sunday, September 3, as the rain date."

Suozzi added that "there is no fee for children entering the tournament and adults will be allowed to help children in the lower categories to bait their hooks and to unhook their catch. However, the kids themselves must cast, hold the rod and actually land the fish."

The Tournament is being co-sponsored by six organizations: the Recreation Department, the Recreation Commission, the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club, the Glen Cove Anglers Club, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and the Glen Cove Urban Renewal Agency.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each category for the most fish caught during the competition. The top three anglers will each also receive fishing tackle as prizes and additional prizes will also be awarded for other accomplishments: the largest snapper and smallest snapper caught.

Registration will take place the day of the tournament at the fishing pier on Pryibil Beach. Participating children will also receive free hot dogs and cold drinks, according to Suozzi.

For further information, interested anglers of any age are asked to contact Glen Cove Recreation Director John Maccarone at 516-676-2000.

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB CASTING TOURNEY

On Sunday, Aug. 6, we held our annual Casting Tournament for club members. This is a very special event where the older members pass on their skills to the newer members. The lost art of conventional casting was demonstrated to newer members in the club. A total of thirty-six prizes were awarded.

Again our Committee of George Dietz, Fred King and James Belmonte deserve credit for our Tournament's great success.

In our first event of casting accuracy these were the results:

Class A: Tom Forbes, Jim Belmonte and George Dietz.

Class B: Barbara Forbes, Greg Maynard, Dick Guarelia.

Class C: Tom Kehlenbeck, Wuz Maginnes, Vic Yannacone.

The next event was suited for those fishing at night in heavy fog. All contestants were blindfolded: Willard Maginnes, Bill Rockwell and Jim Belmonte.

The next event was casting for distance with spinning reel with 2 oz. lead sinker and line in the 12 lb. class or above. The results were as follows:

Class A Distance: Tom Kelhenbeck 335 ft.; George Dietz, 334 ft.

Class A Average Distance: T. Kelhenbeck, 331.8; T. Forbes, 318.4.

Class B: Carl Dippel, 261; J. Belmonte, 238.

Class B Average Distance: Carl Dippel, 256.8; W. Maginnes, 235.5.

Class C: Mickey Moore, 201; Barbara Forbes, 196.

Class C Average Distance: Mickey Moore, 199.4; Fred King, 187.4.

The last event was casting for distance with conventional reels with 4 oz. lead and line at least 25 lb. test.

Class A—Distance:
T. Kelhenbeck - 317
J. Belmonte - 289.
Class A—Average Distance
J. Belmonte - 239
T. Kelenbeck - 236
Class B.
W. Maginnes - 217
G. Dietz - 212
Class B—Average Distance
V. Yannacone - 155.8
M. Moore - 149.8
Class C.
V. Yannacone - 169
T. Forbes - 156
Class C—Average Distance.
T. Genetis - 107.4
A. Jones - 103.6.

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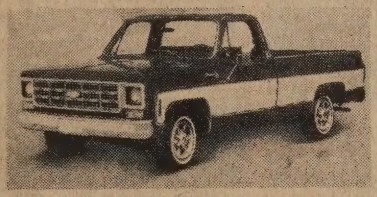

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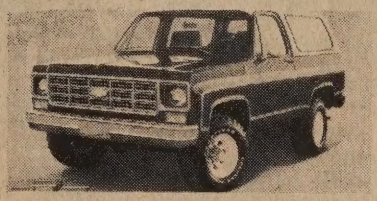

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FISH TALK
with Dr. William A. Muller

Stranger Than Fiction

BIGGEST MACKEREL BLITZ EVER! That was George Valentine's description of mackerel fishing in Long Island Sound in the Huntington area over the June 24 and 25 weekend. He said that the blitz continued into the week. Mackerel blitzes during the end of June?? Strange but true, and even though the macks should have departed north for colder climes a long time ago, they were still with us. Even the presence of pods of big bluefish didn't seem to dissuade the macks from repeated feeding orgies on the vast amounts of sand eels.

PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE? That there are fair numbers of big bass in Long Island Sound this year is a foregone conclusion. Although no one has taken any great quantities at any one time, big bass are slowly, but consistently being caught. In the height of this season's insanity, where sand eels can be thick as pea soup for almost a mile off the beach; where weaks, bass, and blues roll in the water with their mouths apparently shut, should it surprise anyone then that big bass and mackerel should be bed-fellows? That's right. To our astonished eyes, a large pod of big bass suddenly began feeding on—what else—sand eels. These bass were feeding too—an unusual set of circumstances considering that the little old mouth tailor has been going around sewing up all the fish mouths. Then what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a school of mackerel herding sand eels right towards the bass. You know how mackerel feed with those little chomps so the water bubbles. Well, the macks drove right into the bass and the bass paid them absolutely no mind. A wounded, free-swimming mack on a treble was ignored. Strange!

AND THEN I WROTE! When fish roll, but do not feed right in front of your eyes, you can get pretty frantic. You rummage through your bag or tackle box again and again, hoping to find the magic formula that deep down you know doesn't exist. Your lures look like a pile of waste monofilament after awhile, but you keep on trying. So in the middle of such a scene, I tied on a strange artificial and sent it out into the twilight. A HIT! WOW! But there was no fight, just a gentle head-shaking. The fish turned out to be a toadfish that jumped on a sub-surface artificial!

CANNIBAL EELS! Not to be outdone by this magnificent angling feat, I scored the ultimate in angling achievement a few nights later by taking an eel on another artificial: in the dark of night, no less! Both the toadfish and the eel had the hook in their mouths, so there was no question that these slimy, slothful bottom huggers had attacked those lures! Actually, eels are very active night feeders and they do not hesitate to charge into schools of killies, spearing, and sand eels.

AND THEY SAY THAT LIGHTNING ONLY STRIKES THE SAME PLACE ONCE! Now, when the word got out among my fellow club members that I had caught these magnificent specimens, jealousy ran rampant. Several club members had voiced openly that they were going to show me a thing or two. They had heard that my fishing partner, Bob Krauss, had caught a big blackfish on an artificial in the spring of 1977. So while others chased weaks, bass, and blues, Al Apmann and Jim Juliano set off on their own course looking for a new club record blackfish. Did they succeed? You bet they did! Jim was first with a blackfish of about five pounds taken on an artificial. Al could hardly contain himself. He rushed down to the beach several nights later armed with fly rod and assorted supplies. Sure enough, he tagged a big blackfish on a choice fly. Incidentally, I'm told that Al inquired about the possibility of a fly rod record on ten pound tippit for blackfish. Seriously, really! Guess what? It looks like he's the new world record holder. Congratulations Al, for a job well done. You really showed me how to catch the strange ones and do it well!

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE! Here we are, it's June 29, and Scott Simons hasn't caught a porgy yet!

MID-ATLANTIC ANGLING SCENE. How many millions of individual fish of a given species do you think can be harvested without depleting the stocks of that species? One hundred thousand, half a million, one million? Well, consider that in 1977 recreational fishermen in the United States caught about **one hundred and twenty-eight million pounds of bluefish** which calculates out to be about thirty-seven million fish! Now, according to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife which provided these statistics, a good portion of this incredible bluefish catch was taken in the waters of the Middle Atlantic States. Mid-Atlantic recreational anglers spent over $300,000,000 trying to catch bluefish! Now, while all of this hot pursuit of bluefish was going on, commercial fishermen managed only about ten million pounds of blues with a market dollar value of only $1,750,000. Commercially, the bluefish is an important, but not super important species. It ranks number twenty-four in weight, and number twenty-one in dollar value in the commercial fishing industry, but ranks number ONE in both weight and value among the recreational tribe.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? How many party boats and charter boats would you say that there are in the New York Metropolitan Area? One thousand, five thousand, ten thousand? Well, a recent survey indicates that if you picked any of these answers, you would be way off. There are about two hundred party boats that range in size from about fifty to one hundred fifty feet. There are about four hundred charter boats which range in size from about thirty to sixty feet. On a given day if all of these boats were sailing with capacity crowds, they would have transported about 23,000 people to sea and back again. This segment of the fishing industry is directly responsible for about 2500 jobs in this area and that number may increase ten-fold if one considers the indirect relationships between charter boats and party boats with bait, tackle, transportation, lodging, food, and a host of other businesses. In our area, these boats which rent out for fishing, are very dependent upon the bluefish. Party boats, we are told, are about seventy-five percent dependent upon bluefish, as reflected by money generated by passengers. Among the members of the charter boat fleets, about ninety percent of their incomes are directly attributable to fishermen who seek the bluefish!

CATFISH THAT SWIM IN THE SEA, TRA-LA! When we think of catfish, we usually think of a peaceful, sunny afternoon fishing by the pond with a cane pole, float, and earthworms. Of course, out west and down south the folks might take an exception to this, because they fish for catfish in the rivers and these channel cats grow to sizes in excess of one hundred pounds! But there remains another saga to the catfish story. The family of fishes known as the **Ariidae** consists of about forty species of sea catfish. These are true marine fishes that live in tropical and sub-tropical waters for the most part, but are often found in temperate waters. Most are on the small side and range from about one to three feet in size and anywhere from one to three or four pounds. The colors of most sea cats typically have more silver than their freshwater cousins, but they do have the same annoying dorsal spine that produces a painful and slow healing wound when it penetrates human skin. Sea catfish are harvested for food in some

countries; but for the most part, they are considered a trash fish and although often caught by fishermen seeking other species, they are usually discarded.

BARRACUDA IS A GROUP! The barracuda family, **Sphyraenidae**, consists of about twenty very similar species. Although they differ slightly in some of their characteristics—namely color and fin anatomy—they all share the same barracuda-like shape, the barracuda's propensity for great curiosity, and the barracuda's well-known set of dentures. They are a world-wide group, but are only found in the warm waters of oceans. There is a great deal of fact and fiction about the barracuda. In some parts of the world, the barracuda is thought to be a ghost or a god-type figure. These beliefs arise because the barracuda has the ability to apparently appear out of nowhere and is so curious that it will follow and investigate almost anything that swims or is dragged through the water. In some seas, the barracuda's flesh is poisonous, but no clear-cut set of rules appears to apply. In the Bahamas, natives will not eat barracuda that are caught on the outside of the reefs that surround all the islands, but relish the fish that are taken inside the reef. In the Pacific Ocean, reports indicate that people have died after having eaten the flesh of barracuda, but others survive the experience very well.

CURIOSITIES ABOUT THE PECONIC BAY COMPLEX. If you look at a map of the Peconic Bay complex waterway, you will be struck by the fact that all portions of the Bay enjoy free circulation with other parts of the Bay. There are no physical features, such as a narrow winding channel or 180° turn, that might clearly separate the waters. Yet in a study done by the New York Ocean Science Laboratory at Montauk, scientists conclude that based upon biological, chemical, and physical evidence, at least two parts of the complex differ markedly. Flanders Bay, located at the head of the complex, is significantly different from the rest of the Bay: Little and Great Peconic Bay. Because of fertilizer runoff from farms and duck farms, the organic production in Flanders is from five to twenty-five times greater than the rest of the Bay. Doctor Baiardi, the Director of the Lab, pointed out that this data could be used to model these ecosystems and that these models will be very important in the future planning of Long Island. Since the East End continues to grow and expand, the Peconic Bay complex will have to be watched very carefully to make sure that population pressure isn't accelerating eutrophication (increased production because of nitrogen and phosphate levels) and damaging these ecosystems.

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Predator/Prey Symposium Draws Big Crowd

The long-awaited Predator/Prey Symposium was held during the last week in July in Atlanta. Sponsored by the Sport Fishing Institute, the Symposium drew 333 registrants from forty-one states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Australia, and six provinces of Canada. A group of marine scientists from the Soviet Union ran afoul of the problems created by the dissident trials and had to cancel out at the last minute. Their papers were supposed to be sent in any case, but they, too, failed to arrive.

Basically, the Symposium was somewhat of a disappointment in terms of the marine environment. While a great deal is known about predator/prey relationships in fresh water, there is a tremendous difference between a closed system and what we have to deal with in the oceans. The basic reason for planning the Symposium was that great gap in knowledge about predator/prey relationships in the sea. However, even a couple of years after planning started, the Symposium could come up with few scientists who had anything to contribute in this area.

Another basic problem was that, in many cases, the layman was virtually lost as scientists were simply communicating with other scientists and ignoring the public. One of the liveliest portions of the meeting involved a great debate over the use of the word "optimum" in the optimum feeding theory: to this observer, "much ado about nothing!" Unfortunately, most scientists just can't communicate with the public, always falling back on complicated graphs and formulas to explain something that could be put into English plain enough to be understood by the average high school student. Scientists like Gene Huntsman, of NMFS Beaufort, S.C. Lab, who stand up and present a slide program with enthusiasm are the exception. With marine scientists now faced with public hearings on management plans and the necessity of dealing with the public, it's time that marine science programs included courses in public communications.

The opening speech delivered by Dr. Lee Talbot, chief scientist for the Council on Environmental Quality brought out some interesting points. He noted that world marine fisheries have been trending down since 1970, and that the long discussed potential of 100,000,000 metric tons of fish from the world's seas will probably never come to pass. Talbot feels the present 60,000,000 metric tons is about the maximum, and that can be sustained only by constantly shifting concentration to relatively untapped species as the traditional ones are depleted. Of course, there's a limit to that as we're quickly running out of species and will soon have to work on more basic forms of marine life—such as the krill of the Antarctic.

Talbot noted that the only area of fisheries capable of significant expansion is marine culture, which presently contributes less than 3,000,000 tons. He also stated what should be obvious: that as fish become scarcer, sportfishermen will need more political clout in order to retain a share of the catch! Talbot finished up with a gloomy point from a recent C.E.Q. study. Even their most optimistic projections show that there won't be as much food per capita in the year 2000 as there is now!

The presentation by Gene Huntsman showed just how vulnerable marine fisheries can be. Just a few years ago, the snapper and grouper fisheries off the South Carolina Coast were in practically virgin condition. Within a few years, several local party boats have reduced the population of groupers to one-sixth of what it was, and the average size of those caught from eleven to six pounds! As a result, the boats have had to run to ever deeper reefs in order to come up with decent catches. However, their options are even more limited now as the northern Florida commercial snapper fleet discovered the untapped fishery and has virtually wiped it out in a couple of years. Gene is pushing the South Atlantic Council to take control of the situation before the reefs are virtually bare.

Doctor Ted Hobson, of NMFS Tiburon, California Lab, presented some interesting information on predator feeding habits and the defenses adopted by prey. Hobson noted that schooling is a basic defensive mechanism and that light plays a big part in predator feeding patterns. Yet, observation also indicates that midday (when light is most available) is not a prime feeding period in the sea. Hobson feels the reason for this is that the prey also benefits from the light and that defense is more acute than offense. Just as most fishermen are aware, the predator has the advantage at dusk and dawn—and usually feeds most heavily at those times.

Doctor Bob Edwards, Director of the Northeast Fisheries Center at Woods Hole, presented a paper dealing with the work presently being carried out by his group on predator/prey relationships in our waters. Unfortunately, the data available now is very preliminary in nature and much more must be done before any conclusions can be reached. Dr. Edwards stressed that virtually all species are both predator and prey, and feed at sometime in their life cycle on just about everything. I brought up the question of the sand eel explosion that is affecting all our fisheries and could have a long term effect on the nature of the biomass (see National Scene, March 23, 1978). Dr. Edwards is well aware of this phenomenon and feels it may well be due to the overfishing of predators in our waters. He estimates that whiting consume ten percent of the available food in northeastern waters, and the overfishing of that species by the foreign fleets earlier in this decade may have allowed the sand eel population the opportunity to explode.

More about this symposium in future columns.

Dramatic Size Increases in School Tuna

The latest issue of the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Newsletter contains some unusual information about the growth rate of school tuna. It seems that the modern day bluefin is growing at a much faster rate than his ancestors did even ten and twenty years ago. Of course, relatively little work was done with school tuna prior to the last few years, but there are some studies from the fifties that serve to demonstrate the dramatic difference.

In the fifties, three-year-old bluefins ranged from 25 to 50 pounds. In 1977 the range was 36 to 57 pounds, and this spring it was 32 to 63 pounds. The difference in age four tuna is much more dramatic. In the fifties, these fish were in the 45 to 75 pound class. Last year, they were significantly heavier at 58 to 98 pounds. However, the most incredible change occurred this spring when scientists found a range of 75 to 124 pounds. That represents an increase of about sixty-five percent from the fifties and twenty-seven percent over last year!

What could be the reason for such an amazing change in growth rate? The scientists are reluctant to even speculate at this point. However, as an "uninformed layman," I'm free to speculate on any scientific information—and can then sit back and wait to be proven wrong. The obvious point that comes to mind is the tremendous difference in both the population of tuna and the composition of the biomass between the fifties and today. Twenty years ago there was no significant commercial fishery for bluefins on our coast and, as a result, they were one of our most

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THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

1 **THE DUMPING** OF N.Y. CITY SLUDGE AND GARBAGE IS AGAIN FOULING BEACHES AND DESTROYING FISHING IN THE N.Y. BIGHT FOR BLUES, SEA BASS, TUNA ETC. WHEN IS IT EVER GOING TO END?
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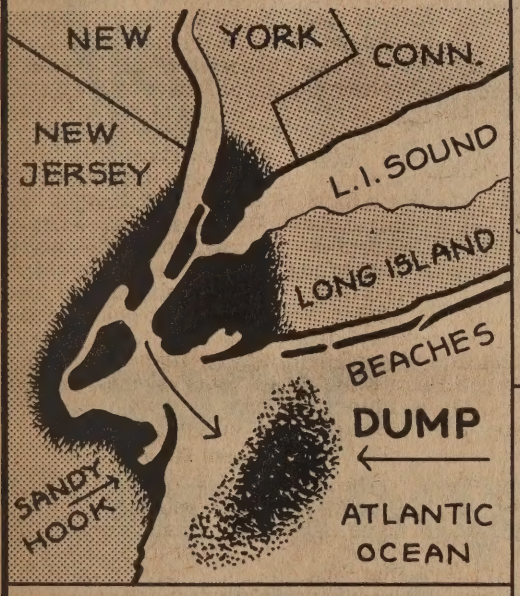

2 **ATLANTIC SALMON** ARE RETURNING TO THE CONNECTICUT RIVER THAT EMPTIES INTO L.I. SOUND AFTER 10 YEARS OF RESTOCKING PROGRAMS BY THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THESE FRESHWATER PURISTS GAVE UP ON THIS RIVER?
100 YRS. ☐
200 YRS. ☐
300 YRS. ☐

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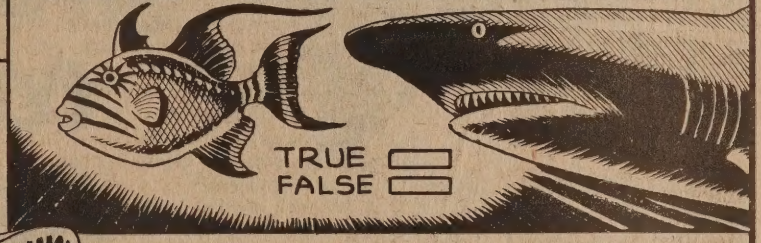

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59 LB. 15 OZ. ☐
69 LB. 15 OZ. ☐
79 LB. 15 OZ. ☐

5 **THE U.S. COAST GUARD** NOW MONITORS CITIZEN BAND RADIOS FOR MARINE DISTRESS CALLS. WHAT IS THE CB CHANNEL TO USE WHEN IN BOAT TROUBLE?

6 **LAKE CHARGOGGAGOGGMANCHAUGGAUGGAGOGGCHAUBUNAGUNGGAMAU** IN WEBSTER, MASS. IS THE LONGEST NAME FOR A LAKE ANYWHERE. WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN THE ORIGINAL ALGONQUIN INDIAN LANGUAGE?

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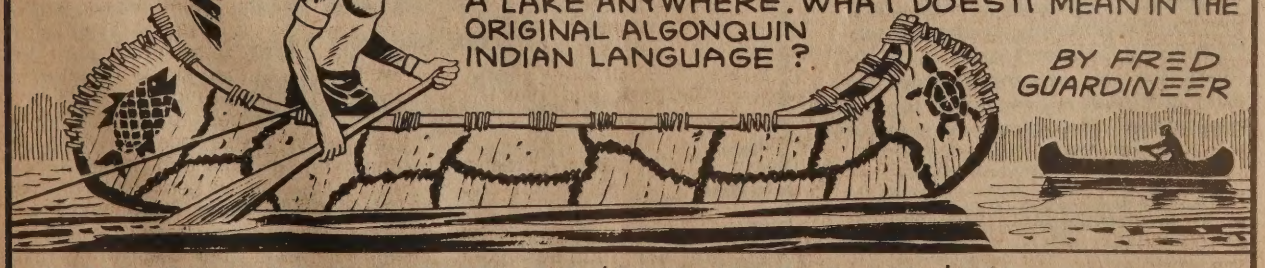

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Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

EXPERIMENTAL BOTTOM FISHING

One type of fisherman loves the surf. He casts assorted baits with a hefty twelve foot surf rod. His bottom rig consists of two hooks and perhaps a six ounce pyramid sinker. After casting, he inserts his rod in a sand spike, lights his pipe, and admires the ocean. If he is a sharp angler, he has probably rigged up "something extra" for a lunker striped bass or bluefish, while the rest of the bait is on the bottom. He experiments a little: although this is generally a slow kind of fishing, he knows that the unexpected can happen at any time and he is prepared. Another type of angler prefers a more active kind of bottom fishing. He goes to rock jetties at inlets where the water is treacherous and the bottom uneven. This fisherman has to concentrate all the time to avoid fouling his rig—no time for sand spikes here. He usually does fairly well, but "pays a price" for his catch in lost rigs. If he is experienced, he prepares many rigs in advance and brings along a variety of baits. To be sure, you will find that his tackle box contains other kinds of hooks and rigs, perhaps a few trusty artificials because he knows that other species of fish can move suddenly through the inlet and he is prepared.

Having experienced both of the above types of fishing from the surf as well as others, e.g., from bridges and piers, I was a bit surprised one day when my friend, Jim took me to a new spot in a back bay area. The current moved at a snail's pace through a narrow inlet shored up with some wood pilings, and led to a creek and small marina. The inlet was less than fifty feet wide and the entrance at low tide looked barely deep enough to support a rowboat. It resembled the kind of place that would delight a fly fisherman hoping to raise a trout. "Jim," I said, "are you sure this is **salt** water?"

"Sure," he answered, "can't you see the bay? This is a great porgy and flounder spot."

Now, Jim knew that although I like freshwater fishing, my real love is for the salt, and he was not about to deceive me. As it turned out, he was right: it was a great porgy and flounder spot all season. Whenever other kinds of shore fishing became too slow or arduous, I knew I could rely on this spot for a share of flatties or scup. I referred to it as "Jim's fishin' hole" and came to associate it with fishing for these two species.

One summer evening here, I watched a large boat move through this bathtub-sized inlet on the way to bluefish and striped bass waters. The angler aboard let out some line into the inlet, the rod arched, and he pulled in a seven pound blue. Bluefish in my flounder spot? Here? That did it: from then on, I never under-estimated the potential of any spot; and I began to do what I always do elsewhere—experiment.

Since that day, I have caught a few six pound weakfish, school blues; a five pound tautog; some kingfish, as well as snappers, crabs and eels, while "flounder and porgy" fishing here. Not far from this spot, anglers troll for bass at night and some of them probably move through this inlet. I have not caught one here yet, but I plan to do an all-nighter soon just to round out the potential of this place.

The place is not exceptional or unusual. You have probably passed many similar spots on your way to more popular or productive (you think) areas. One reason for the variety of catches here is that I fish with two rods. One is an ultra-light; the other a seven foot spinner. Both have matching reels filled with six and ten pound test respectively. Rather than rig each rod for a different species, I prefer three hook, combination rigs on both. This increases the potential of catching larger fish at different levels while I am bottom fishing.

The basic rig is as follows:

The larger rod: Two small Chestertowns are tied in tandem and secured with a snap swivel onto which I also clip a one ounce bank sinker. Although the snap swivel is frowned upon by many pros, I prefer it here because quick changes are easier and the sinker requires no extra line.

A two-and-a-half foot leader of thirty pound test is tied with clinch knots to the snap swivel on one end and to the main line on the other by means of a three-way swivel. A 2/0 beak hook snelled onto a two foot leader (thirty pound) is looped through the remaining eye of the three-way swivel. Here again, I have experimented with dropper loops, barrel swivels, etc., but I find that if all lengths are measured accurately, the weakfish hook will not twist around the other lines or hooks.

The ultra-light rod: This rod is basically the same, except that I may use two small baitholder hooks on the bottom and a size 6 Virginia on a twelve inch leader above. The distance between the top and bottom hooks is eighteen inches to avoid tangles. All bottom hooks can be changed instantly.

I always bring at least two kinds of bait to this place—worms and squid. If necessary, I scrounge around the mud banks of the creek and in short order, I have a good supply of mussels, clams, and small crabs. These may be used as bait or for chumming. A squid strip is placed on the top weakfish hook; a worm or crab on the Virginia, and worm, clam, or mussel combinations on the bottom hooks. This way I can see which bait produces most—on the bottom, as well as the top.

Depending on the tide (incoming is generally best here), I place the rods within ten feet of each other, and work my way from the most productive area I know (from past experience) to other spots. It doesn't take long before one rod begins to vibrate. After bringing in the first fish, I move the other rod closer. If nothing happens within twenty minutes, I move both rods accordingly. The bait must be checked constantly because weeds tend to cover the hooks on the flood tide. If this problem becomes too severe, due to a previous storm or high winds, I forego one of the rods and scramble to the entrance of the inlet. The wood support is very narrow here, with water on all sides and only one rod is possible. Frequently, this spot harbors more fish and less seaweed.

When working with two rods, I bring along a net and sand spikes. The net is essential because it is impossible to lift a large weak out of the water and too far to walk it to the bank: a good sized blackfish can be even more difficult to contend with. In regard to sand spikes, I learned my lesson the hard way at this place. The inlet has a wood support that projects about a foot above the sand. About

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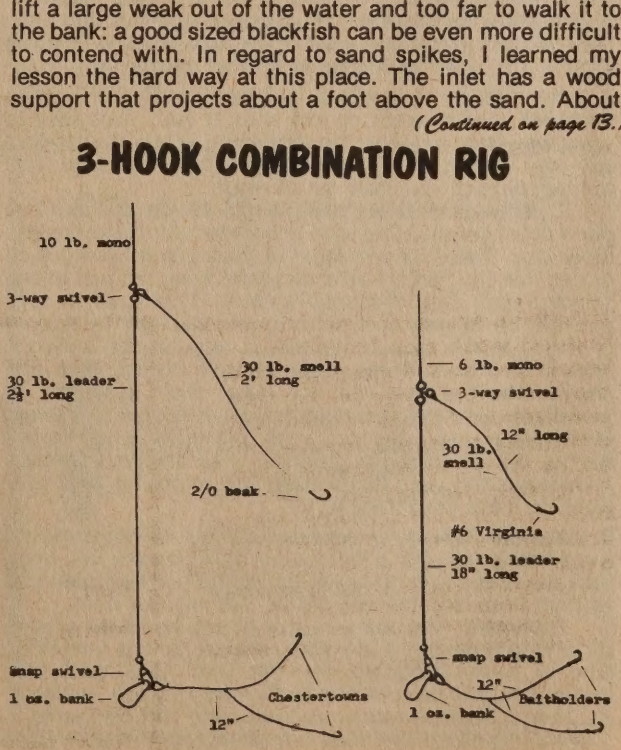
3-HOOK COMBINATION RIG



Sinker Bouncing

with Matt Ahern

12 HELPFUL HINTS

Any fisherman who has been at the game long enough will admit to using helpful hints at one time or another. If you are one of these fellows, what you are about to read will probably be "old stuff." If you find this so, please bear with me. There are many new fishermen joining our ranks each day and what you and I might possibly consider run-of-the-mill stuff can still be important to the majority of beginning fishermen. Because you and I have honed our angling skills over the years, we rarely realize the immense value simple hints were to us in our formative fishing years. Some of those hints were nothing more than plain ordinary common sense, but they did hurry us along the road to better fishing. I've discovered some of these aids on my own, and some I've gotten from other fishermen over the years. However, no matter whose they are, they have only one purpose—which is help put fish in your bucket with less frustration. They will make your fishing day easier; they may even help you overcome some vexing problems; problems that may take much time and possibly cold, hard cash to resolve. Not every hint will apply at every moment of your fishing day, but you may rest assured that whichever one applies at the time will certainly help you avoid piscatorial pitfalls—major or minor, depending upon what kind of fishing you are doing.

1. A moving bait is more attractive to most saltwater fish than one which is sinker-weighted in one spot.

Comment: The only two bottom-feeding fish I'd say this doesn't apply to would be the cod and the blackfish. There have been rare occasions when I've seen cod caught on jigged bait, but these times were so few and far between, we can safely dispense with the idea. Failure to fish a dead line for blackfish is, in my estimation, the height of folly. In fact, only once have I caught a decent-sized blackfish while jigging bait—and then I was sea bass fishing at the time. Both cod and blackfish (particularly the blackfish) are highly suspicious and I can only tell you that if you wish to be successful with these fish, it is to your advantage to let that bait lie still.

2. When fishing for sea bass, porgies, and blackfish when anchored over a wreck or rock pile, it isn't necessary to cast away from neighboring fishermen. This will not give you any advantage. The fish are under the boat and casting will put your bait out of reach.

Comment: Most beginning anglers know this, but I've put it down because I've seen fishermen who have thought otherwise. These fellows seem to think when fishing such places that the fish are all around the area, not just in one selected spot. This, of course, is not so. That wreck or rock pile may be the only obstruction on the sea floor for an acre or more. In the case of wrecks, it may be the only one around for miles. These places contain needed food and shelter and the fish will not leave their sanctuary to investigate your bait, even if it is but a mere ten feet away. Particularly does this apply to blackfish when wreck fishing on the offshore grounds. The skipper, through knowledge and skill, has endeavored to put his boat over the fish. Take advantage of it.

3. When sea fishing, for ease and comfort, it is best to use a rod that is not over a foot longer than you are tall. Long rods are often back-breakers for beginning fishermen and will not help land fish any faster than shorter ones.

Comment: The above rule of thumb has been around for a long time and it is pretty reliable for the fisherman who is tackle-shopping for the first time and may understandably be confused by the array of rods available. Years ago, because rods were heavy and stiff compared to today's standards, we used a measurement of six inches instead of a foot; but today, a few inches one way or the other is not that important. These rod lengths should be rounded off to the nearest full foot. I'm aware that many fishermen use surf-fishing rods for codfishing. They claim it gives them the advantage of getting out just a little bit further than their neighbor at the rail. Perhaps so, but whether it helps them land more cod is a moot question. If they feel it does, that is what matters; but I am reminded of the old-timers with their drop lines who managed to outfish the rod fishermen. I guess it all boils down to what the fisherman knows about the life style of his quarry, rather than owning the latest dream of the tackle manufacturer.

4. Buy the best reel you can afford and take good care of it.

Comment: A quality reel can be likened to a fine watch: both are instruments of precision and need care if they are to perform with complete satisfaction for any length of time. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations to a T, and don't discard the necessary instructions included with every good reel. That slip of paper will tell you exactly what you need to know in order for that reel to give you the years of service you have a right to expect. Should anything go wrong with it, either send it off to the maker's repair agent, or take it to a tackle shop that repairs your type of reel. Unless you know today's reels pretty well, don't fool around with it yourself. Be especially careful about not getting sand or grit in the reel's internal workings. If you are careless in this instance, you'll soon know it as you hear the grains grate or grind while turning the reel handle. Spinning reels will often give off a bell-like sound. The only solution is to re-lubricate at the earliest opportunity; certainly before you use it again. Incidentally, make it a practice to release the drag mechanism between fishing trips. Your reel's smooth drag action will last much longer when you do.

5. When planning your trip, always assemble your tackle and paraphernalia the night before. (If you're like me, you'll have it ready days ahead.) Look it over carefully so that when you get away early the following morning, you will not have left anything behind.

Comment: That sounds like common sense, and because it does, fishermen being human will rely on memory to take over. But don't you do it—at least until you have had several fishing trips under your belt. Instead, make out a check list and allow ample time in the morning to go over it. Especially does this apply if you wish to bring along bait that has been stored in the freezer. I would suggest you write the word "BAIT" in large red letters at the bottom of the list. Bait is the one important item most often left behind. Seeing that crimson word glaring at you so early in the morning will certainly shake the cobwebs from your sleep-drugged brain and get you double-checking the rest of your equipment.

6. A small pair of pliers capable of cutting wire (or a hook shank) should be in your tackle box. Also a hook hone or small finely-serrated file for touching up those hooks that become snagged on bottom obstructions will come in handy.

Comment: I would not hone a hook more than once; it is better to discard and use a new one. Doing this may save you a big fish one day in the future. Nor will it hurt to carry a bit of recommended lubricant for your reel and a small screwdriver.

7. Never lend your favorite rod and reel to anyone.

Comment: It may temporarily hurt to refuse such a request, but it is likely to hurt you more when you get the rod back. I've done it on several occasions—always with sad results. A word to the wise is sufficient.

8. Give your rod (or rods) the once-over occasionally. Wrappings and guides do become loose and ferrules and reel seats wobbly.

Comment: It is a good idea to carry a tube of ferrule cement in your tackle box. This stuff costs but pennies and one tube will last for years. Lacking the cement, temporary repairs can often be made by heating the affected part with a match. A roll of good-grade electrician's plastic insulating tape is a handy thing to have along. Use it for quick, temporary repair on any loose windings, especially around guides and tiptop. Rewind permanently at home or

have the tackle shop do it for you.

9. When hooks or sinkers become caught in rocks or wreckage, they can often be dislodged if the line is tightened and allowed to snap back suddenly. It doesn't work everytime, but it is worth a try.

Comment: Resign yourself to the fact that when you fish such areas, you are apt to lose a certain amount of terminal tackle. Not only is it important to carry spare hooks and sinkers, but it is also important not to waste time freeing a snagged rig. You are out there to fish, not spend valuable fishing time fussing and fuming. If your snagged rig can't be freed with the above method, lay your rod down and grasp the line and pull with steady pressure. Be careful you don't get the line entwined about your hand—you may receive a good, deep cut if you do. Nine out of ten times this will break off the rig, saving much line. You may even salvage a hook or sinker if you're lucky. Never apply pressure with the rod—and never burn or cut the line at the rod tip unless you have plenty of extra line along and don't care about the expense. Should you be fishing in deep water, doing this will soon deplete the line on your reel.

10. Should a hooked fish carry your rig into an obstruction, allow it time to swim free before you use heavy-handed methods.

Comment: You can usually tell if your fish is still hooked; you'll feel it trying to dislodge the hook by backing off and tugging. Allow slack, and hope for the best. I'll tell you right now that there are few times when this is successful. But it does happen on occasion and is worth trying. Blackfish are notorious for doing this; so be prepared by starting the fish before it has the opportunity to pour on the steam and head for the worst part of the obstruction—which it will certainly do if given the least chance.

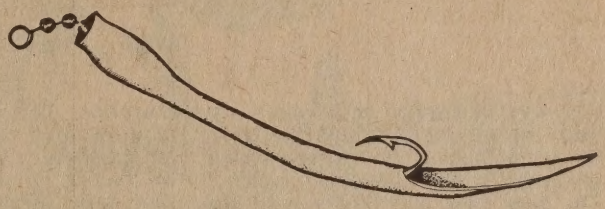
11. Whenever possible, clean your fish aboard your party boat, or at the dock. It will save much extra work later.

Comment: Fish cleaning aboard party boats was common years ago, but gradually some skippers are putting restrictions on this. If you think you might possibly enjoy doing your fish-cleaning at sea, I would suggest you check before going aboard. Not only won't you have a mess at home, plus the problem of getting rid of the waste, but fish cleaned and washed in sea water most certainly have better flavor than those cleaned at home where only tap water is available.

12. Night crawlers, common earthworms, and red worms often make an excellent substitute for sand and bloodworms.

Comment: Night crawlers are particularly good in this respect. I've had extremely good flounder fishing with these large squirmers. At times, they can be very appealing to the finny population. A buddy of mine told me he's caught several weakfish on night crawlers. I've tried it on his say-so, but have never managed so much as a hit—but I put it down here for what it's worth.

So, there you have a dozen fishing hints that will help you in the beginning of your fishing career. There is nothing here that experienced fishermen don't know and have used over and over again. These hints will help you become a better and more knowledgeable fisherman if you put them to use. And that's the name of the game.



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every ten feet, posts extend another foot. I used to lean the rods against the posts, reasoning that if a larger fish took the bait, the post would act as a brace against the pull of the fish on the rod. It worked a few times, although I had to move fast. Then one day I watched, dumbfounded, as a rod took off into the air before I could move. Since then—sand spikes at this flounder spot.

As you may know, the pattern of fishing this season has been erratic and unreliable between the early summer pollution along the south shore, the combination of man-made and natural destructive elements off the Jersey coast, and the storm. Porgies have not been in as expected nor have blues; stripers are always erratic. At my spot, flounders were really in and unexpectedly, weaks have been coming in at the "wrong" time. Fluke have been steady, but this area does not harbor them. I have caught blackfish here on the hottest days.

You never can tell when bottom fishing. All in all, I find that the use of two rods with combined rigs and a variety of baits, increases catches. Not to be outdone, I also bring a few trusty artificials. The next time you fish the bottom, be prepared.

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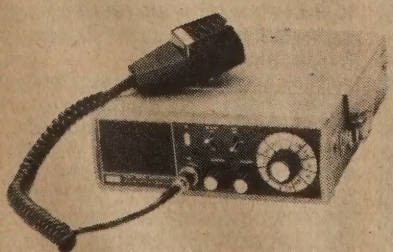

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South Shore Bass Fishing

Part Two—*Fishing the back bays and other areas near Jones Inlet*

by Ron Onorato

It was only a few short years ago that huge schools of striped bass plied the waters behind the barrier beaches along the South Shore of Long Island. The back bays and creeks were the scenes of some very fine bass fishing for small and medium size fish. While the fish are not there in the numbers they were in the past, there certainly were enough fish taken from the bays and inlets last season to make fishing for them a worthwhile effort. Bass are creatures of habit, and if conditions remain pretty much the same, the fish will return to the same general area each year. This has been the case along the bays and inlets; the fish will return and feed there unless the area has changed dramatically. In this article, we'll take a look at the two ways you can successfully take fish from these areas: casting with light tackle way back in the bays and along the State Boat Channel, and fishing live eels at night in the same spots, and the inlets.

The South Shore bays and marshes behind Jones Beach and behind Long Beach are natural feeding grounds for the striper, as they are for just about every other game fish native to Long Island. The marshes are like nursery grounds to a great many marine organisms, ranging from some of the lowest forms to some of the most advanced. The young of many species feed and breed in the salt marshes, and their value to the overall marine environment is immeasurable. The abundant supply of forage such as spearing, sand eels, juvenile bunker, crabs, clams, worms, etc., provides the bass with a more than adequate food stock, and it is this forage that make the bays and marshes so attractive to the bass. If certain species of forage are a little sparse, then there is always something else around that the fish can substitute with.

About the biggest change to the entire area, and along the entire Long Island shore for that matter, has been the proliferation of boats along the waterfront. Whereas a few years ago you could fish all morning behind Gilgo Beach and not see another boat, today you are hard pressed to get in a few hours fishing before the boats start buzzing. This is one of the factors that has a negative influence on fishing the shallow waters of the marshes. The water is relatively shallow and compact, and noise disturbance is the best way of turning off feeding striped bass, especially if they are feeding on or near the surface—as they often do in many of the areas. Night fishing and fishing around the crack of dawn is by far and away the best time to ensure your success in this area. Seldom do the fish feed once the sun is up; while a calm, windless, and cloudy day may produce for the entire tide.

The bass that spend their summer in the bays will feed on whatever bait is available; but for the most part, the fish feed on either spearing or small bunkers, so your best bet is to use some sort of lure that vaguely resembles either of these baits. Perhaps the best all-around lure to use for these fish is the Rebel plug. The five inch floating Rebel plug in either blue or black apparently imitates both the spearing and the sand eel. Right behind the plug is the small bucktail jig, in either all white or all yellow. The yellow bucktail jig is most effective if there are any small bunkers in the area. You can fish the jig straight without the use of any pork rind, and the best sizes to use are one-half and three-quarter ounce. At times, small top-water swimming plugs such as the Danny plug in the smallest sizes will produce. Because the water is pretty shallow, tins and other lures that are dense and sink quickly are pretty much out of the questions.

You can use either light plug casting outfits, or stay with the regular spinning outfits. In any event, you should try to use a four foot length of mono leader, somewhat heavier than the line on the reel. Avoid the use of wire leaders at all cost, as seldom will a bass hit a lure with a wire leader.

Perhaps the most difficult aspect of the entire business is locating the fish in what seems to be a maze of creeks and channels. The first thing to do is pick up the Coast Chart for the area and give it a good looking over, concentrating on the area east of Jones Beach around Gilgo and Tobay Beaches. The first spot to try is along the State Boat Channel. As you will see from the chart, there are numerous places along the length of the Channel where the water drops off very steeply from the edge of the marsh banks. The bass line up just at the end of the deep water dropoff and wait for some unsuspecting prey to wander from the shallows. The best thing to do is make long drifts along that section of the channel that has the dropoffs and see if you can raise the fish.

In that same general area, you will also notice many wooden piles that once supported summer houses along the marsh banks, but are now just solitary stanchions in the water. Small bait like to gather around these piles in order to get a break from the tide, and the bass are there to take advantage of this condition. If you get a clump of three or four piles together, you have a real good shot at some fish. If you are totally new to the area, the best thing to do is pick an absolutely windless morning just at the crack of dawn and cruise through the entire area. Look for concentrations of bait on the surface and see if there is any fish life under the bait. Even in these days of few fish, more often than not there is a good chance that you will spot some surface activity at daybreak and even if you don't take fish at that particular time, keep the spot in mind for future consideration, even if it is only an hour or two later.

One of the things that has turned out to be a big number recently is the use of live eels along many of the bay and inlet areas. The use of live eels has always been a viable method of taking fish; but only because of the scarcity of bunkers had their use really become widespread. The scarcity of bunkers in the bays has also led to the use of baby blackfish as another prime bass bait. We'll talk about this a little more later on.

Eels are natural baits along most areas of the South Shore, and bass will seldom pass by this bait. The only thing about fishing eels is that they are seldom effective once the sun gets up over the horizon. For whatever reasons, the eels are almost exclusively a nocturnal bait; whereas other large, live baits such as bunkers or blackfish are most effective during the daylight hours.

The same tackle that you use for fishing other live baits, such as bunker, will be more ample for live-lining eels. The terminal tackle is

pretty much the same with the only exception being the use of a large single hook, rather than a treble hook. The live eel is a rather durable animal and just about impossible to kill on the hook. If you don't take the proper precautions though, they are very easy to kill before they get to the hook.

The worst possible thing to do is dump a bunch of eels into a pail half full of water and expect them to live for any length of time. They would quickly exhaust the oxygen supply in the pail and die. The best way to keep the eels alive is to take a burlap bag, soak in sea water and wring it out so that it is just damp. Place the eels on top of the bag and then cover the eels with another damp rag. If you keep this mess out of the direct sunlight, the eels will live for at least a day, and even longer if you keep refreshing them by re-moistening the rags.

The hook size that is about the best to use is a short shank extra strength O'Shaughnessy hook around 4/0 in size. You take the hook and insert it through the lower portion of the eel's mouth and push it out through the upper jaw and you're all set to fish the snake. For some reason, when the eel is hooked in this manner, it seldom will wrap itself back up onto the leader—a problem which eels are very apt to create. A good bet is to use a three or four foot length of fifty pound mono leader up ahead of the hook. Sometimes the eel will expire as a result of being hooked improperly; so a good way to tell if an eel is in good shape is to take a look at his tail: if it has a curl to it, the eel is pretty healthy, and if the tail drops straight back, then it is time to change baits Live eels are not really the most expensive of baits, so it pays to have a decent supply on hand for the course of the night's fishing.

Live eels are fished in the same manner you would a live bunker, so there is no need to get involved with it. Suffice it to say that you should give the fish plenty of time to swallow the eel before trying to set the hook. The best thing to do is drift the eel out about a hundred feet and start a slow retrieve back to the boat after several minutes without a hit. Often the bass will be stalking the eel and when it starts to move away from him, he will often grab it. You have to be prepared to slip the reel into free spool the instant you feel a pick-up on the retrieve.

Another recent innovation to the inshore bay fishing has been the use of live baby blacks as a substitute for the scarce bunker. Blackfish are found on small wrecks and around the bridges off the South Shore bays, but aren't too numerous around other areas of the bay that don't have rocky or rough bottoms. Despite this, bass still will readily take a blackfish when it is fished over an open or clean bottom.

Obtaining a supply of baby blacks isn't really too much of a problem around the South Shore, because they

Ray Bennett shows a baby blackfish that is ideal in size for use as a bass bait.

The author shows a 25-lb. bass taken on a baby blackfish in a south shore bay.

are very numerous around many of the bridges and most of the inlet jetties. You'll need a pint of fiddler crabs to get you going, and then a big live bait well to keep the tiny blacks alive. You should keep anything less than a pound for use as bait, and if you happen to catch some fair sized bergalls, keep these, too, for use as live bait. If you're a real optimist, then start fishing some three or four pound blacks and find out what really lives down there.

Blacks are another species that are very hardy and easy to keep alive provided the water they are kept in is changed frequently and they aren't too crowded. With the east of accessibility of live bait wells and all sorts of water pumps to keep a fresh supply of water going through the well, there should be no problem in keeping a day's supply of bait in healthy condition.

You can fish the blacks in the same manner you would a live bunker, and about the only difference in the entire set-up is the manner in which the blackfish is hooked. Whereas you

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SHINNECOCK SHARKS

by Joe LaCava

Shark fishing, "Sharking," or "Monster Fishing," as it is currently called, has recently become one of the most popular types of fishing on Long Island. It is a relatively inexpensive way for the layman to instantly become a big game fisherperson; a sport requiring a small amount of specialized gear and expense. Many people have started sharking recently, probably because of the shark craze created by movies, the proliferation of the species and the relative ease with which they are caught. I can't remember ever being "skunked" while "monster fishing."

Unlike billfishing (marlin or swordfish), no sophisticated fishing techniques are required for shark. Constant trolling and elaborately rigged baits are not necessary. Professional captains and greatly experienced boat handlers also are not needed.

Many people believe there is enormous risk and danger involved while sharking, but once the basic safety rules are known the danger quickly evaporates and it becomes another pleasant way of enjoying water sports. Don't get the wrong impression: there is a distinct danger if you attempt to bull your way through the procedure, but adhering to the basic rules will allow you to fish safely and with confidence.

Basic Safety Rules:

A. Needless to say, only idiots decide to cool off by swimming, especially when a chum slick is established.

B. Any shark is big enough to bite and cause extensive damage, regardless of its size.

C. Alcoholic beverages do not belong on a sharking trip, since most people get "smarter and stronger" after a few drinks.

D. Keep the boat organized and neatly arranged to prevent tripping or falling overboard during the fighting stage.

E. Store gaff and knives where no one can get stuck during rolling of the boat.

F. Never use guns on boats.

G. Use gloves of rubber or leather for grabbing wire leaders or lines and **never** wrap a line around your hands or arms. The line should be free to slide out of your grasp.

H. Keep flying gaff lines away from your feet, legs, and arms.

I. Never gaff a "green" shark.

J. Keep away from both ends of shark; the tail can hurt too.

K. Apply tail rope from tail end—not near head.

L. Never bring a shark in the boat.

M. Only boats of proper size to handle ocean and shark should be used.

N. The only safe shark jaws are the ones mounted on your wall.

The first time you attempt "monster fishing," I suggest you go with someone who has some experience, to see how it is done. The confidence you will acquire will eliminate the danger mystique and allow you to genuinely enjoy the sport.

My boat, the "Whitecap II" being docked at Shinnecock, offers me great opportunity to fish offshore. In just one hour I can ride to 150-160 feet of water where my best luck has been. Oftentimes, on the way out, I troll from the inlet to about ninety feet of water and load up on bluefish. These fresh bluefish are the best bait for shark. Many times when mackerel or bunker fail, bluefish bait will bring a strike. Some people think it a shame to waste good bluefish and so do I, but it is the BEST bait. For bait we use, in order of preference, whole bluefish, whole mackerel, and whole bunker—the bigger, the better. In fact, we once used an eight pound bluefish and immediately were hit by a large enough shark to snap a solid 105 pound wire leader after stripping approximately 100 yards of line off a 9/0 outfit. Usually twelve bunker and twelve mackerel are taken for bait and any possible "chunking" that we may do. "Chunking" is the process of slicking whole fish and tossing these portions in the chum slick at pre-determined intervals; usually every one to two minutes. Don't over-chunk; this will only keep the fish back in the slick waiting for the next chunk to come along, and away from the baited hook. Unlike some other types of fishing, sharking doesn't require very early starts. We sometimes start our drift around 11:00 or 12:00 and haven't had any problem catching fish. More often than not, the best fishing has occured around 4 PM.

Once we arrive at our pre-selected spot, we immediately start our chum slick (ground mossbunker). This is done the clean, uninterruptable way by hanging a nylon net over the side from a cleat. The net is filled with an entire can of chum and adjusted so it alternately dips in and out of the water. We've also used flats of chum—which comes packed in cardboard containers. While frozen, this container can be easily cut to a convenient size and hung over in the netting. We usually take two or three cans of chum for the day. Hanging the chum instead of ladling prevents an unintended break in the slick and frees another crew member from a sloppy, smelly task.

Depending on the weather, the drift will either be fast or slow. During a fast drift, the slick will quickly extend two miles or more, offering a longer "corridor" and greater possibility of attracting sharks. Sometimes, as or dead calm days, it may take hours to accomplish the same thing.

Rigging the bait is simply done by running a wire leadered 9/0 to 12/0 hook through the anal area and out the mouth (see sketch A). The leader length is usually fifteen feet. Leader material is either 105 pound solid dark wire or 210 pound braided cable. Each has its advantages and disadvantages and used according to personal preference.

Solid wire has the price advantage, and cannot be frayed; however, it can be kinked, and broken by a twisting fish. Braided cable cannot be kinked, but can be frayed and is definitely more expensive. This cost starts to hurt after cutting and releasing four or five blue sharks.

Once the bait is rigged, we drift it below styrofoam floats by slicing a groove and wrapping the line three or four times in the groove. We generally use one 9/0 outfit with eighty pound test; one 6/0 with fifty pound test, and one 4/0 with thirty pound test and fish them at different

depths, at various distances from the boat. The largest outfit is fished deeper and further away and the smallest, shallow and close to the boat. This is done to best take advantage of the reels' size and capacity.

The reels have their drag pre-adjusted to 30% of the line test and placed in gear. We then keep about ten to fifteen feet of slack line in outrigger clips to allow the fish time to swallow the whole bait. (See sketch B.)

Now is the time to get the remainder of the gear prepared.

Items Required:

Flying Gaff	Long Pole
Regular Gaff	Rods & Reels
Tail Rope	Chum Net
Rubber Gloves	Wire Cutters
Large Knife	

These items should be laid out for quick and easy access, making sure the line of the flying gaff is tied to a cleat. The gloves are used to grab the wire leader, wire cutters to cut and release any sharks that you won't eat; the knife for emergency to cut the flying gaff line when the fish is too big for your boat. Better to lose the gaff head than the boat or its passengers. A regular gaff to assist in the tail roping process and a long pole to hit the sharks when they try to swallow the entire chum pot hanging over the side.

Now is the time to sit back, relax and wait for the action. Depending on the speed of drift, you will either get a pick-up in a half hour to three hours. Usually when the first fish hits, others are right behind, and it is a common occurrence to have two or more hooked at the same time. If only one line is struck, quickly reel in the others, for the hooked shark will run in every direction possible and make spaghetti out of all the lines.

Many times you can determine what type of shark you have hooked before you see it. Blue sharks, which probably are what you'll catch seventy percent of the time, usually pick up the bait slowly and swallow it and oftentimes, not realize they're hooked. In fact, many times they will swim right towards the boat; so you will have to reel up quickly and get the slack out of the line, or maneuver the boat which takes away a crew member whom you may not have available.

These blue sharks we always release at the boat, since their food value is questionable. Most sharkers do release blues and you often catch blues with other hooks in them or with gaff marks from previous captors. Blue sharks do not have a urinary tract and actually urinate through their flesh and skin. Their flesh has to be treated before consumption and even then may not be tasteful. I've never eaten blue sharks.

Mako, tiger, white, and hammerhead sharks provide the real action. These also offer very tasty eating. We keep any size, either for mounting or eating. Of these four, mako is the most prevalent in this area and the type most people chase. Makos attack a bait and run with the line; they are particularly boat wary. Usually, if the outfit is matched to the fish, they take from one hour to several to land. Sometimes when a large fish is on, you'll fight him for hours and never tire him. Eventually, you'll have to cut him loose or set up house in the ocean. Makos are noted for their acrobatics and will sometimes jump clear out of the water for you (make sure your camera is ready).

Caution must be exercised when this shark approaches the boat. Before you gaff him, be certain he is not green; i.e., he should be exhausted. If not, as soon as you gaff him, he will explode in a frenzy and try to beat your boat to death.

If you have fished properly, and he is tired, the procedure won't be difficult and a tail rope should be secured with the aid of a regular gaff. Usually, I then hang him from the gin pole with his head in the water to prevent anyone from trying to examine his tonsils.

When you get back to the Marina you will be surprised to see the amount of "friends" you have there.

Diagram A—*RIGGED BAIT*

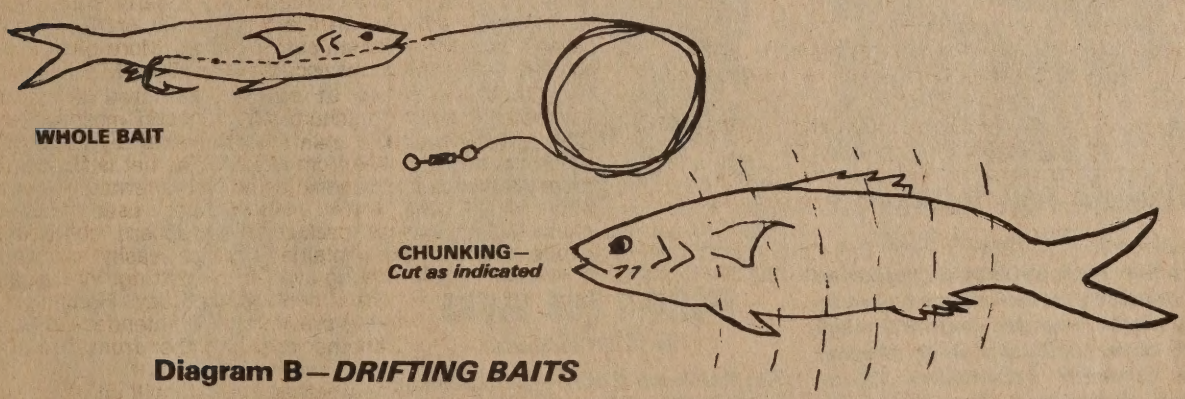
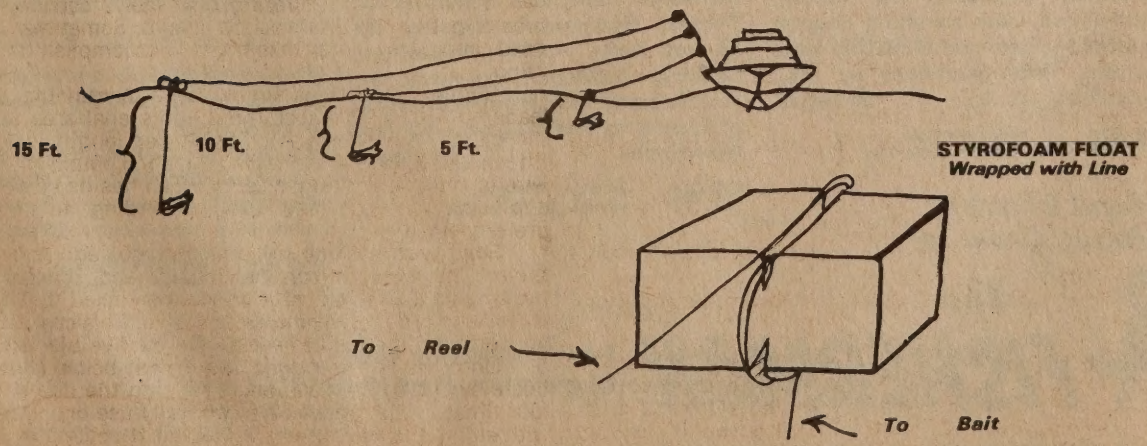


Diagram B—*DRIFTING BAITS*



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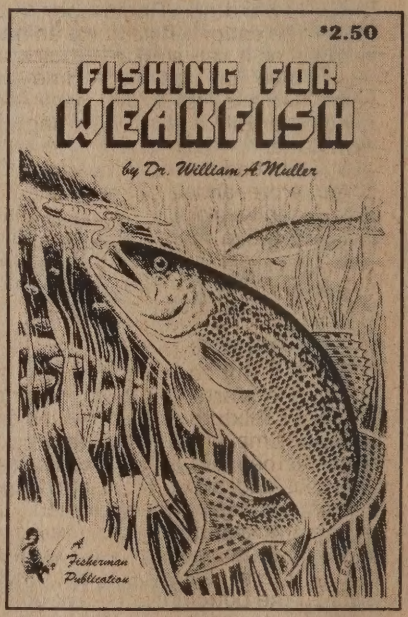

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Fishing the New York Bight:
The Lost Art of CHUMMING BASS

by Guy DeBlasio

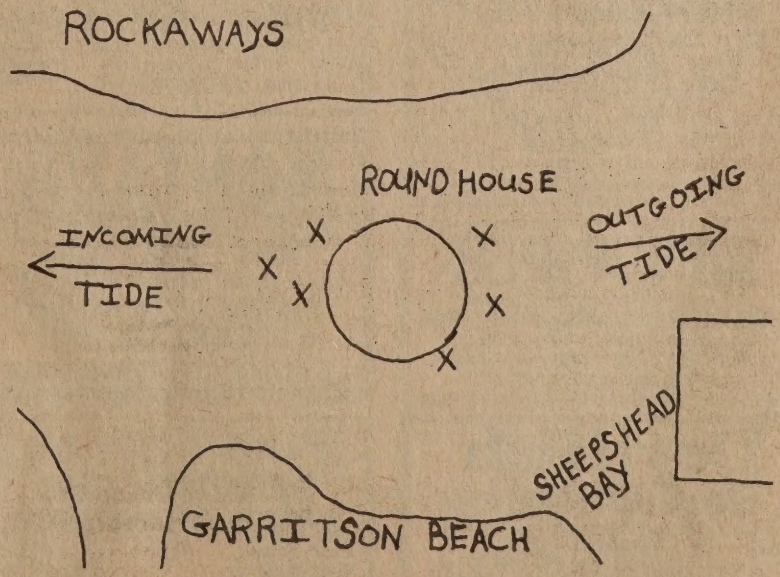
Since the umbrella rig and wire line have come onto the scene, the art of chumming for bass is practically non-existent except for a select few who, on any given day or night, can take up to 150 pounds or more of fish by using this kind of method. To fish this way one has only to obtain a few chum pots, some clam bellies or grass s hrimp and to know where your local bass haunts are. With these ingredients, and the art of using them, your fishing day or night, will be a lot more rewarding. Remember, you have to be patient. It can take an hour or more or it can start real quick; so don't give up the first time—try again. Here is just one of many trips my brother Bill, and I made using this technique.

The sun had just gone down a short time before and a bright light had soon taken its place in the sky. A light breeze of five miles per hour came from the west as we lay at anchor close to what we call the Round House—a fixed brick structure which lies between two channels just outside the entrance to Sheepshead Bay. The first thing Bill and I do is to get the chum line started. This is done by putting a mixture of clam bellies and grass shrimp into a huge chum pot, which is then lowered over the bow of the boat and allowed to sink to the bottom. A sash weight is tied just above the chum pot; this holds in place as a second chum pot is lowered off the stern of the boat. With both pots on the bottom and a slick going, we began to prepare our tackle, which consisted of two six-and-a-half foot boat roads with Penn 500 reels loaded with thirty pound test Ande line and two eight foot medium action rods with Penn 40 squidder reels with fifteen pound test line. The two boat rods are used to fish the bottom. The lighter outfits are used for free lining bait. We lowered our offering of clam bellies attached to a 4.0 Eagle Claw bait holder hook which, in turn, was tied to a three foot leader two feet above the sinker. We then attached a 2/0 Eagle Claw hook directly to the fifteen pound test line on our eight foot outfits. Then Bill added a #8 split shot two feet ahead of the hook and free lined a sand worm into the current. I then baited my hook with grass shrimp and allowed it to drift with the tide, which was ebbing. This free lining takes many kinds of fish such as bass, blues, weakfish, and I've even had fluke and porgies come into the slick.

Free lining means fishing with an open spool, as when bluefishing from a party boat. Once the bass home in on the slick you can take fish from the surface to the bottom. This is done by chumming grass shrimp by hand first. You get a handful of grass shrimp and squeeze them lightly in the palm of your hand. This is to stun the shrimp, not to kill them. Then throw two handfuls over. Then toss one to two shrimp over at a time, pinching them between your thumb and forefinger. This practice of chumming has to be maintained. Bill and I allowed our baits to flow with the slick. Once far enough out, we engaged our reel and let the bait sit for a moment, then reel in and start all over again.

A half-hour into the outgoing tide, my line was some sixty feet out when suddenly the line I was allowing to slip slowly from under my thumb stopped for a split second, then peeled off. I counted to three allowing the bass to take line, then set the hook—I was in! After a short time, I had my fish of about eight pounds flopping on the deck. As I was removing the hook, my brother Bill yelled "one on "—he was in! As his rod bent, one of the boat rods bent and the reel sang out. I instantly grabbed the rod and had another one on after a brief fight. I gaffed another bass of about seven or eight pounds, but Bill was still fighting his fish. Time and time again he gained line, only to have the fish take line at will. I then baited both rods and got them back in the water. I hadn't let out more than fifteen feet of line before I had another pick-up and another fish on, when one of the bottom rods sang out, but there was nothing I could do. After a short time, I had another bass of about six pounds flopping on the deck. Bill yelled for the gaff. I leaned over and sank the gaff into a large bass which was later weighed in at twenty-one-and-a-half pounds. This went on as long as the chum lasted and the tide was moving. This is just one trip out of many successful ones. If you're a beginner, just have patience and everything will fall into place. Don't over-chum because if you do the bass will stay way off and just eat while your offering will fall way short. Grass shrimp can be caught from almost any marsh or grassy area, canals and beaches with a drag or mesh net. Till next time, good fishing.

P.S.-Best months are July, August and September.



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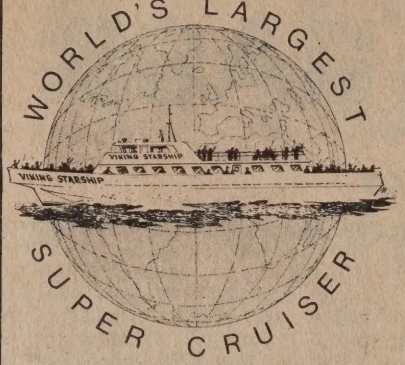

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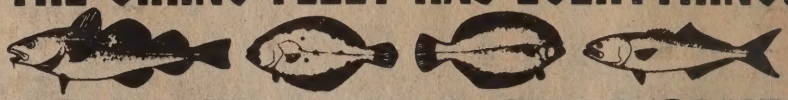

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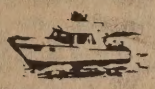

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This past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night will probably go down in Montauk history as the best striped bass fishing this area has ever experienced. A large body of bass moved into the Great Eastern area during the August full moon and started taking live eels. Catches on the three nights ranged from 500 lbs. to well over 1,000 lbs. per boat. The lowest score we heard of for Thursday nights action was 200 lbs. of fish taken by a novice. The fish were all real cows, which accounted for the high weights scored. Virtually none were under 20, with the majority 30 and 40 lb. fish. Virtually every boat had a few forties, and many had two ore more "over-fifties." Mike Kayals "Inlet Marina" had more than 40,000 lbs. of bass weighed in during the week, and Mike said that fifties were so common that they stopped counting them. By Friday night the word had gotten out of the blitz fishing, and more than 200 boats were trying to fish a small area. The heavy boat traffic and commotion brought the scores down disastrously, with only the real pro's taking more than ten fish. Most boats had from zip to four, and Sat. and Sun. nights were about the same. In any case, it will all be over by the time this is print, so you'll have to wait for the September moon and get lucky.

Offshore the big game fishing really broke loose with just about every species that you can think of being taken-swordfish, giant tuna, white marlin, blue marlin, school tuna, tru albacore, yellowfin tuna and numerous dolphin. Hot areas are the Fishtails of the Canyon, the Butterfish Hole South of the Point and around the Fairway Buoy south of Block Island. Porgy fishing has been down lately, but the fluke fishing is holding steady and may even be improving with the larger doormats of ten pounds and more becoming more numerous in the North Rips and off Shagwong Point. Bluefishing remains at is usual phenomenal proportions at

the Submarine Buoy, but the fish are a smaller class and only range from 4 to 6 lbs. But the weekend saw some good showings of large weakfish mixed in with the blues their for the diamond jiggers and those trolling umbrealla rigs.

Frank Tuma, Jr. of **Tuma's Tackle** reported that the boats fishing offshore on Sunday had a great day. Capt. George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** took a giant tuna of 320 lbs. south of Block Island. Another charterboat had a giant of 283 lbs., and many boats had runoffs and dropped fish. The charterboat **Bronco** took the offshore honors of the weekend with a 310 lb. blue marlin and a 330 lb. swordfish they took in the Fishtails of the Canyon. They also had some yellowfin tuna and dolphin. Inshore, the boats are still loading up on bluefish trolling umbrella rigs and diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy. The boats slaughtered striped bass drifting live eels at night around Great Eastern, with many cows in the forties and fifties. Porgy fishing is fair, but the fluke fishing seems to be picking up.

Contributing writer Ron Onorato gave us a call Monday morning to tell us of the unreal bass fishing he had on Wednesday and Thursday night. On Wednesday night Ron took 30 bass with a combined weight of 900 lbs., which converts to an AVERAGE of thirty pounds per fish. Largest bass weighed in at 52 lbs. But this catch was nothing compared to the one he made on Thursday night. Forty-four bass were taken that weighed in at an unbelievable 1,351 lbs. Three of the fish were over 50 pounds, and another eleven were over 40. Ron said that he had one fish to the boat that he estimated to be between 65 and 70 lbs. that was dropped at the last minute. He also said that he knows of at least three over-sixties being taken and on Thursday ten boats he knows of had over 1,000 lbs. of bass.

Capt. Lewis of the **Adios** reported mostly inshore fishing this week producing a lot of blues. Tuesday's charter brought in a 117 lb. bluefin tuna plus many small ones and a 30 lb. dolphin. Friday's tuna trip was plagued by sharks and no tuna.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** reported he had a party from Saltwater Anglers of Bergen county on Saturday led by Tom McKay. They caught 47 fluke from 2-7½ lbs. Ten of the fish were from 5-7½ lbs. Also 2 blues were caught fishing the north rip. On Sunday a party led by Nick Pappas from the NYC Transit Authority caught a total of 197 blues, 1 weakfish, and 3 bonito. They were fishing the RI side of Block Island.

Capt. Frank Maccaro of the charterboat **Free Spirit** called to say that there continues to be excellent offshore fishing. On Monday Frank landed a 105 lb. mako shark, a 63 lb. bluefin tuna that took a chunk of blue shark meat. Tuesdays charter produced a small mako fo 54 lbs. and two brown sharks. Wednesday was a surprising day when a school of dolphin came into the chum slick and twelve were quickly boated. Frank produced a mako and dolphins for his charters on Thursday and Friday. Frank said that he's fishing the West

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Capt. Buddy of the **Viking Skipper II** said that with the lagging results around the Point on Wednesday, he fished Gardiners Island on Thursday and it turned out to be a real porgy blitz. Most anglers went home with 50 to 91 porgies each. On Friday the action was a little slower as high-hooker Ben Judge of the Bronx led the way with 61 fish. On Saturday it was blitz-time again with porgy catches ranging from 40 to 91 fish not uncommon. The solid action continued on Sunday, with Mrs. Edity Mitchell of Manhattan hoisting aboard 93 fish to become the high-hook, which included the pool wining 7½ lb. blackfish. A number of fluke, seabass and flounder were also boated.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reports that the codfish trips have been very good all week, but slowed on the weekend. Night bluefishing trips were also on the poor side on the weekend though they were very productive Monday through Friday. Following suit, the fluke and porgy fishing was very good during the week but took a bit of a dip on the weekend. Paul diagnoses this as moonitis, as we have just come off a full moon, but things should improve now that we are off the full moon.

Paul has added another Nantucket wreck trip to his schedule and this one sails Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 p.m. See ad for details.

Capt. Jim Palumbo of the charter boat **Tiderunner** reports great off-shore fishing Saturday and Sunday, southeast of the Point in 220 ft. of water, with Charlie Pace and friends bagging a good catch of blue shark along with school tuna and bonito which were trolled to and from the sharking grounds on feathers. Sunday saw the Driftwood Fishing Club have similar results, with 6 blue shark and 2 brown shark. Rich Taver had a 47 lb. yellowfin tuna this past week. Jim says he has a few open September dates and some open fall bass dates. Check ad for details.

Capt. John DeMaio of the charter-boat **Vivienne** called to say that he is still loading up on bluefish at the Submarine Buoy diamond jigging, and quite a few weakfish are starting to show up in the catch. On Sunday's charter 112 bluefish were boated that weighed 450 lbs.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us of the fantastic offshore fishing that some of the boats had over the weekend. On Saturday Capt. Ronnie Goldberg of the "Barbar Jack" took the first blue marlin to come into Montauk this year. It weighed 50 lbs. and Ronnie hooked up with it fishing at the Fishtails of the Canyon. He also took 9 tuna up to 70 lbs. trolling feathers. Saturday night the charterboat "Bronco" fished in 50 fathoms of

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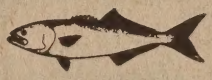

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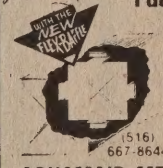

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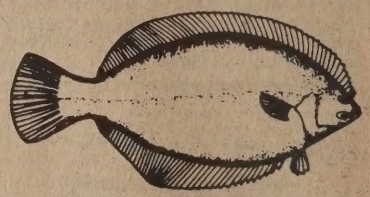
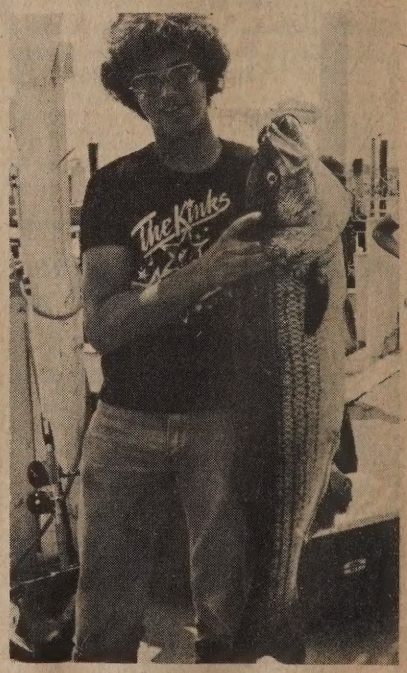




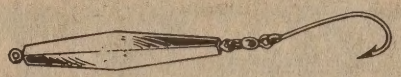
Howie Rogoff with his first striped bass of 28 lbs., taken on a charter with his family. Catch totaled 8 bass and 38 blues taken on umbrella rigs. Subscriber club photo.

water south of the Point. Fishing at night with whole rigged baits illuminated by Cyalume sticks 240 feet down, they hooked and landed a swordfish of 337 lbs. on light tackle. The next day they hooked into a blue marlin at 10 in the morning that was weighed in at **Star Island Yacht Club** at 310 lbs. The boat also took 2 large yellowfin tuna, 2 dolphin, and released a lot of small bluefin tuna. The inshore fishing as highlighted by the fantastic catches of striped bass taken on eels at night. Capt. Walter Kaprielian of the "Blue Beard" had 500 lbs. on Thursday night. Lou Rosado of Hermans took 600 lbs. of bass fishing with his wife. Jay Rigano, Jim Grubb, and Bob Radcliff on the "Lori-Jay" took 10 bass ranging from 20 to 40 lbs. fishing live eels in the Pollack Rip on outgoing tide. A lot of giant tuna have been hooked in the Butterfish Hole but not many have been landed. Fluke fishing has been pretty good in the North Rips and drifting along Shagwong.

Skip at **Cove Marina** reported fantastic fishing all week long and through the weekend. The striped bass fishing couldn't be over-exaggerated. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights the boats fishing around Great Eastern all had between 700 and 900 lbs. of bass. Most were in the 30 lb. class with a lot of 40's. Fluke fishing has also been fantastic with many fish in the 6-7 lb. range and a lot of doormats of 10 and 11 lbs. Hot spots have been the North Rips and Shagwong. Fred Yudelson had excellent fluke fishing all week and had 3 or 4 doormats over 10 lbs. every day drifting sand eels and squid in the North Rips and East of the outer Shagwong Buoy on both tides. Bluefishing remains excellent at the Sub Buoy with Harold Clark on his "Wahoo" having one of the best catches. Harold's brother-in-law and Ronnie DeLuca loaded up with sharks offshore. Skip himself took a bus man's holiday on Friday and took 3 bluefin tuna and a mako shark fishing offshore. The "Sharkhunter" fished 2 days in the Fishtails of the Canyon and took just about every offshore species you can think of. They boated 3 marlin, baited 2 swordfish, took 1 white shark, several browns, dropped 2 makos one of which was over 300 lbs. They also had over 50 dolphin 7 to 25 lbs. and 36 school tuna. They dropped a lot of fish because they were sportfishing with light tackle. Frank Kani and his wife Dottie had excellent fluke fishing with over 50 a day.

Maureen at the **Gone Fishing Marina** called to tell us of the great bass fishing. While Ron Onorato led the way with catches, others also did a real job on the fish. Thursday night Hank Neville, Artie Stein, and Al Gaeke took 750 lbs. of bass on eels. A lot of weakfish were mixed in with the bluefish at the Sub Buoy on Sunday. The "Lady Luck" took 48 lbs. of weakfish and 240 lbs. of bluefish diamond jigging. On Saturday Don and Brian Messener of Massapequa had 14 fluke up to 8 lbs. drifting in the North Rips on the last of the incoming current. On Friday Mike Tesoriero of Bellrose took out one of the marina's rental skips and scored with 50 fluke at Shagwong. On Sunday Bill and Alyssa Ricca fished with their father and caught a 10 lb. bluefish and a 8 lb. 3 ounce weakfish that they will receive L.I.F. skillful angling awards for.

Capt. Pete Van Alst of the charterboat **Modar II** reported that the offshore fishing remains excellent with a wide variety of fish being taken. One day the charter aboard made a triple play, taking a mako shark, a bluefin tuna, and several blue sharks. Both the mako and the tuna took whole mullet on the Westfingers of the Butterfish Hole in 185 feet of water. On another day a small tiger shark was taken in the same area that is being mounted. Photos will appear in future issues of L.I.F.



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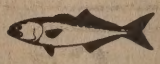

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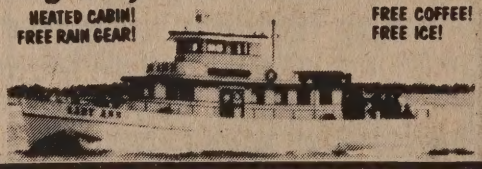

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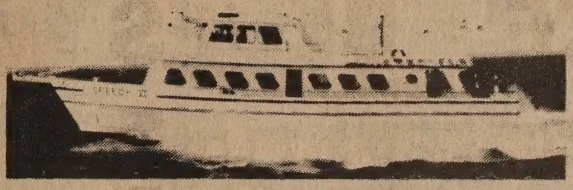

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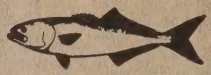

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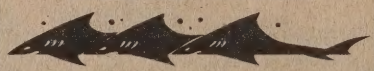

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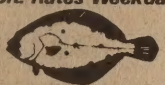
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SOUTH SHORE BASS FISHING

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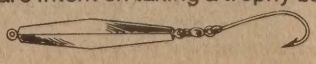
would hook a live bunker through both lips with a treble hook, the blackfish doesn't lend itself too readily to this sort of application. The same treble hook you would use for a live bunker can be used with the blacks, except that instead of hooking them through their tough leathery lips, it is best that you hook them lightly through the skin just ahead of the dorsal fin. You might find that if you cut off their dorsal fins a bit, they will swim a little slower and will be easier for a fish to swallow. Blackfish aren't speedsters under normal conditions, but when a big bass is in the area, they can really fly.

The same general princples that apply to bunker fishing also apply to blackfishing in just about every aspect. Once a big bass lines up a baby black, it will stalk the bait until it gets its prey.

Naturally, the best place to start fishing the tiny blacks would be around the South Shore bridges. All the Jones Inlet causeways and the Atlantic Beach bridge hold fish at one time or another; so it is just a matter of trying all of them until you get some life. The area around the Jones Inlet Coast Guard Station is another area where you can start looking for some fish. The old construction barge that lies in this area is another popular place to fish. What most fishermen do is start a long drift around the last Meadowbrook Bridge and drift down the entire panel of water until they get to the inlet. The ebb tide is the preferred tide, and the fish wait around little bumps and depressions along the bottom for the tide to carry bait to them. A little further to the east, the deep cuts along the State Boat Channel are prime areas to look for fish. You might have to cover a lot of area before you get to the fish, but with live bait and a healthy drift with the current, you should have no trouble scratching out a few fish. If the back bay areas don't show any life, then don't forget to give the inlets themselves a try. The east side of Jones Inlet, especially on the ebb tide, is a good shot when all else fails. The same holds true for East Rockaway Inlet (Debs Inlet). You can fish the baby blacks right in at the tip of the jetty or along the ocean pocket and often come up with some decent fish.

The trend for the past few seasons has been for the big bass to enter the bays and keep off the ocean beaches and jetties. Since fishing for the smaller fish has not been that promising, it would pay for you to devote most of your time to this area if you are intent on taking a trophy bass.



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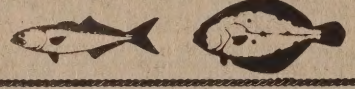

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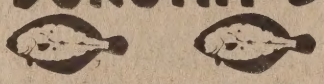

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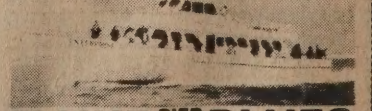

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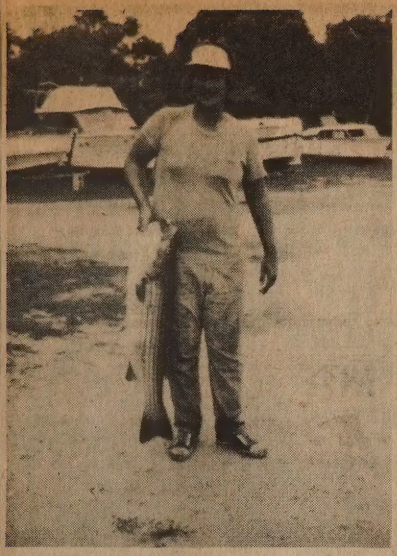
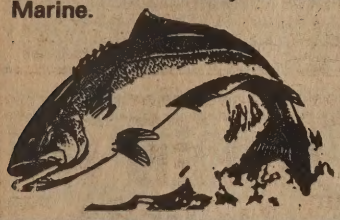


Don Chiusano took this 26 lb. bass in the West Cut before the inlet. Photo courtesy of L&M Marine.



SOUTH FORK
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Fred Havemyer on the Ho Jo had 3 swords, a white marlin, two mini-giants, 5 tuna up to 57 lbs. 8 oz. and five dolphin in his last three trips. All action was at the Fish Tails and at Block Canyon.

Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** reported that at least 3 white marlin were taken on the weekend. Doc Maron loaded 1, and Gloria Furman released a white marlin. Both yellow and bluefin tuna are being taken trolling feathers in 180 feet of water south-southeast of Shinnecock Inlet. Quite a few dolphin are also being trolled in the same area. Still all the bluefish you want right outside the Inlet. Fluke fishing seems to be picking up in the bay with the hot spots around East Channel and in front of the Coast Guard Station. Some good catches of fluke up to 6 lbs. are also being taken just outside the Inlet.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony's Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing picked up a lot right in the Inlet and at buoys 2 and 4 at the mouth of the Inlet. Best action has been on the first two hours of outgoing water. Lanny Kip and Dave Molnar on the "Bahama Mama" fished in 180 feet of water southeast of Shinnecock Inlet and caught 15 sharks up to 175 lbs. There were 14 duskies and 100 lb. mako, and they also took a 6 lb. dolphin. Plenty of bluefish in the 2 to 5 lb. class are being taken trolling and casting the West Bar of the Inlet. Larger bluefish and few bonito are being taken in deeper water out at the Sea Buoy. Flounder fishing has been picking up at Buoy 22 by the Bridge.

Corr's Fishing Station reported fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay was good this past week. Many anglers took 15-25 good sized fluke and many were in the 2-3 lb. range. Best action was at East Channel by Shinnecock Inlet and in front of the CG Station. Best fishing occurred on falling tides. Peconic Bay still yielding good porgy fishing. Rudy and Robert Williams took over 50 good sized porgies on Sunday fishing by buoy 35 in Peconic Bay.

MORICHES BAY

Super fluking is the word for this week, reported **Skidmore's Fishing Station.** This weekend produced catches of 30-35 fish per boat. The red hot area is the flats by the Coast Guard Station. Rosemary and Richard Bielawski and Pete DePaolo from Woodhaven had 31 fish; Barbara Kopp and Carolee Secchi from Queens had 35 fish. Tom, Sr., Tom, Jr. and Shawn and Brian Donohue from Wantagh had 32 fish. Best baits have been killie/squid combos or sand eel/squid combos. Strike while the iron is hot! There's no telling how long this fishing will hold up. Best fluking we've seen so far this year.

Silly Lily Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing is good. Sunday the best action was behind the sand bar at 39. The best catches were from 14-20 fish. The bait is divided between sand eels and squid or killies and squid. On the top of the tide, they are going for snappers and catching quite a few medium size fish.

Sal Palacino aboard his boat the Queen Bess, landed a 224½ lb. tuna at the Block Canyon. The was weighed in Friday night at **Hi-Way Fishing Station.** As of this writing, this is the largest tuna taken trolling on rod and reel in the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club.

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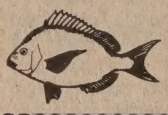

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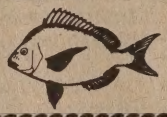

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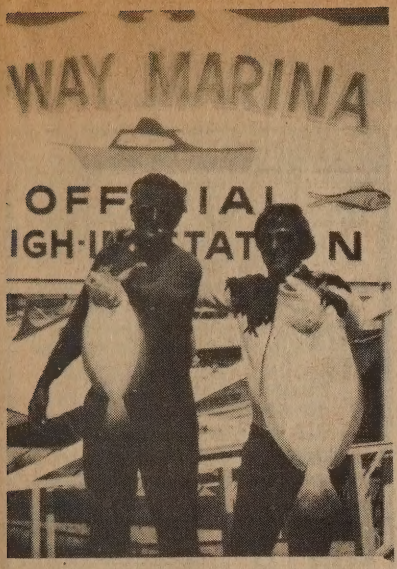

Bill Barde and Jim Bogart of Post Fishing Club caught these 2 beauties weighing in at 3½ and 8¾ lbs. taken on squid and killies. Subscriber club photo.

September 9, with $3,000 guaranteed prize money. First prize is $2,000; second prize $700 and third prize $300. Entry fee is $60 per boat. Free dockage available. Rain date will be September 10. For info and entry, call East Moriches Bait and Tackle at 516-878-4720.

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** reports that John Porko fished Saturday at buoy 39 and had 69 fluke up to 2½ lbs. (all keepers) on incoming tide on squid and sand eels drifting with a float about 6 inches from the end of the leader keeping the bait about a foot off the bottom. On Saturday, Rich Korth bagged a 52 lb. yellowfin tuna which he trolled in 180 ft. of water, southeast of the inlet on green and yellow feathers. Tony Rizzo on his boat Nino boated a 50 lb. yellowfin tuna fishing 180 ft. of water southeast of the inlet on Kona beads. Mike Kojowski fishing 200 ft. of water southeast of the Inlet did battle with and whipped a 398 lb. tiger shark which took 1 hr. 25 mins. to land. Stan Saneski dropped two white marlin this past week. John Immel and Mr. DeLuca had 18 blues in the 8-10 lb. class trolling umbrellas in 75 ft. of water.

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FLUKE

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz Fishing Station reports crabs plentiful from buoys 15 to 19 on rings and in traps. Good showing of blowfish at buoy 12 on any bait. Good snapper blues to 1 lb. on bait and small tins. Some fluke during the week from buoys 19 to 23, which slowed on the weekend. Gary Stiriz was on an overnight Canyon trip and says that they loaded up on just about every offshore species in the area.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vinnie at **Young's Fishing Station** says there's lots of fish around now. Weakfish off to both the east and west of the station in the 4-6 lb. range on live killies, squid and shiners. A scattering of kingfish are showing. Good fluking off Ocean Beach, as evidenced by Dave Kroco and Mike Gardner taking 25 good keepers along with two weakfish. Kings, weak and fluke have been hitting very well compared to what the boats have been getting in recent weeks. Al Caminitti had 3 weakfish fishing behind a clam dredge. Clay Hardman had over 30 fluke at Ocean Beach on killies and fluke belly in two days of fishing.

EAST ISLIP

Wally from **Buoy II Sport Shop** called to say fluke fishing picked up very nicely over the week. One angler reported taking 34 good sized fluke by the lighthouse on Thursday; another landed 26 fish, with no shorts, taken on Wednesday by the bridge. George Misson and Dave Nadel managed 11 fluke to 3½ lbs. On Friday, Lyle Ferguson of Islip Terrace took 26 fish; the majority of which were 18'' or better. All the fish were taken on killie/squid combo or on sand eels. Bob Gibson reported there are a lot of oceanic bonito in the area around the NB buoy. Black and white, and red and white feathers are taking both the skipjack and small 6-8 lb. dolphin. Another angler reported bonito in 85-110' of water on Saturday, along with a decent body of alligator blues. Snappers and crabbing still holding up at the docks, with one crabber taking 20 soft shell crabs in one evening.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Casey Lee** reports fluking has been very good this past week, averaging 4-10 keepers per man. High hook for the week was 15 fluke, all good size, no midgets. This is a new body of fish that has moved in and it's been like this for a solid week, as of Sunday. Best areas have been West Channel, Snake Hill Channel, the CG Station and the Lighthouse, on sand eels, killies and squid. The catches have been consistent. Neil says the fishing is the best of the year now and that the crowds are light, so come on down and collect your fillets.

Dennis at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reports snappers all over the Bay and off the Bay Shore dock plus blueclaw crabs. A sprinkling of blowfish at buoy 2, on any bait. Weaks and blues on diamond jigs along South Beach. Fluke from the lighthouse to the inlet on squid/sand eel combos with bigger fluke at the head buoy. Two to four pound blues are scattered all over the bay and hitting trolled umbrellas. Wednesday was very good trolling on Smokey's red and white umbrellas, over 75 blues boated in the 2-4 lb. range at the Bell Buoy. Larger blues in the 5-15 lb. range east of the inlet in 80 ft. This is on chum and diamond jigs. Fish are also in front of the tower, along with some weaks. Dolphin and bonito have been picked in 80 ft. of water east of the inlet. Tuna in 90 ft. of water southeast of the NB on red and white or black and white feathers or on cedar jigs. Pete and Diane Sindone of Bay Shore took 1st and 2nd place in the Surf Side three tuna club contest with 12 lb. and 11¾ lb., respectively.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** reported that the fluke fishing remains good and last Wednesday's morning one man took 24 fish. All the

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Glenn Maynard took these 7 bluefish from 8 to 13 lbs. fishing aboard the "Capt. Scotty" out of Captree. Photo courtesy of Flo's Stand in Blue Point.

fish on Friday were decent size and it was fairly good fishing on the end of the flood tide and first of the ebb. Bluefishing has been very good with the exception of Saturday when fishing was down.

Chuck Williams of Guinan Litho, the outfit that prints L.I.F., called to tell us that 11 people from their plant went night bluefishing aboard Capt. Neil's charterboat **Lady Ann**. They caught 70 bluefish off Patchogue Beach that ranged from 8 to 15 lbs. Chuck said that he couldn't say enough about Capt. Neil and helpful mates that were always close by.

Herb Buch, the contributing writer and photographer to L.I.F. fished last week aboard Capt. Speedy Hubert's open boat **Speedy VI** and copped the pool with a 12 lb. bluefish.

Capt. Walter Specht of the charter boat **Lady Ann** called to say fluking has improved tremendously. Saturday's charter of 15 men boated 87 fluke on sand eels and killies, fishing from the Bell Buoy to West Island. Sunday's charter bagged 96 fluke. Sea bass are being taken at the ocean reef in good numbers from 1-2 lbs. Friday's night bluefish trip was a slaughter, all big fish from 8-15 lbs. on bait. Saturday night's trip was off a little as the fish were scattered and picky due to the moon—also known as moonitis. Catches averaged 5-6 blues per man. Sunday afternoon's reservation trip as of 8:30 had over 100 bluefish in the boat and coming, all big fish on jigs until dark, then bait.

Charter boat **Capt. Eddy B** called to report that the night bluefishing trips have been tremendous, the boats working from Patchogue to FI lighthouse, fish 8-17 lbs. Eddy also reports decent fluking again between the lighthouse and the inlet on killies and sand eels. The boat will be making special night bluefishing trips, which will be by reservation only for Saturday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 9. See ad for details and phone number.

Tony Vaccaro, member of the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club reported that on Saturday during the small boat tournament which was club sponsored, a 48 lb. yellowfin tuna was caught on 50# test. Don Kaich was the angler, aboard his boat the Hunky, a 21' Mako. The Inter-Club Tournament fished out of FI Inlet. Don won a $200 pool plus first place angler with the only tuna of the day. Twenty-three club boats entered the Tournament.

OAK BEACH

Gary from **State Channel Marina West** reports fluke picked up this weekend, drifting in the inlets using killies, squid and sand eels. Henry and Bill Barrel had 50 blues and bonito trolling umbrella rigs in 65-75' of water this Sunday. Still plenty of small blues of 2-3 lbs. in the inlets and a few weaks mixed in.

BABYLON

Charlie's Fishing Station reports that Tom Vitillo had 14 good fluke on squid and sand eels fishing Grass Island and State Channel. Some snappers and fluke for most of their rental skiffs from the same area. Action has definitely increased this

This striped bass of 26 lbs. 10 oz. took a white tube at the Construction Dock for Bob Croswaithe. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

past week.

Augie's Bait & Tackle tells of an 89½ lb. white marlin taken by Ed Keegan of Sayville on the boat Breakway, taken on a mackerel chunk, believe it or not. Fluking has been fair, 7-8 keepers per man, best being high incoming through and including the first of the outgoing, on killie/squid combos. The BTC Bonito contest was won by Carl Fogliano with a 10 lb. 5 oz. fish taken on his boat, Johanna's X. A 100 lb. tuna was taken at the NA by the Posideon. Plenty of snappers and tons of baby weakfish which should be returned to the water unharmed, so the gillnetters can get them next year.

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Capt. John McCormick of the **Sea Horse** reports good fluking from the inlet to the lighthouse, fares averaging 3-5 keeper fluke per man in the 2-2½ lb. range. The weekend was slower due to the effects of the moon and increased boat traffic. Fish are hitting killie, sand eels and squid. An occasional black and blue is also being boated. John says there has been a definite upswing in the fluking.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells of tuna southeast of the inlet along with loads of bonito from 100' mark on out, on feathers and cedar jigs. Snappers all over the place and growing. Local bluefish about 3 mi. SE of Fl Inlet in the 8-10 lb. category. A good run of fluke has now settled in at Fl Inlet through the lighthouse on sand eels, killies and squid, but it's important that you fish 2 hrs. before and 2 hrs. after the high.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells of good fluking off Captree in the inlet by boats that are chumming. Not quantity, but bigger fish. Weaks in Fl inlet on small live snappers, fish 9 plus lbs. Blues offshore for trollers, chummers and jiggers. Dick Swoboda and crew fishing in the USATT in 1½ hours bagged a 735 lb. bluefin tuna, fishing off Provincetown, Mass. They took this fish after the tournament ended.

Bait and Tackle Unlimited reports fluking good off Copiague and also east and west of the Moses Bridge. A good number of doormats at the Inlet, fluke taken on killie, squid and live snapper. Some porgies taken on sand worms at the Copiague Hole. Snappers all over the place of 6-9 inch variety. Blues in the inlet, out to 3 mi. on chum, jigs and umbrellas, with mornings and evenings best. Tuna, bonito and dolphin in 60 ft. of water southeast of the inlet on feathers and Kona heads. Shark 150° out of the inlet in 60-80 ft. of water. All varieties and large.

SEAFORD

Big Ed at **Shore Isle Marina** tells that us Joe Calandra had a 150 lb. dusky fishing 15 mi. south of the HA. Scott Friedman bagged an 8 lb. fluke, the largest of 10, at the east side of the Meadowbrook Bridge on killies Sunday. Mrs. Big Ed picked a dozen small porgies 25 ft. off their dock on sand worms. The marina is holding a bluefish tournament this Sunday, entry $2 a head with a custom rod and plaques as prizes. Lots of blues in 55 ft. of water on the troll, so don't overshoot the fish.

Lon Wonser Bait and Tackle reports plenty of snappers all over the place on spearing or small tins. Fluking has picked up in Jones Inlet with one customer bagging 30 keepers one day this past week on killies and squid. Lots of blues on the outside on **S & G** GET BENT JIGS, umbrellas and Bananas. Lots of tuna, bonito and albies also at the HA. A 42 lb. true albacore was taken Saturday on a Bone jig off Montauk by a customer. Some bass in the bay for early morning and evening plug tossers and clam chummers. Weaks at the bridges on sand worms. Lon says there's just plain old good fishing now.

Naomi Inn Fishing Station reports that Dennis Rooney and John Alberta on Saturday had 5 tuna from 15-22 lbs., a load of albies to 10 lbs., and blues to 18 lbs., fishing 2 mi. north of the HA, trolling feathers on their boat, Catch 22.

WANTAGH

Billy at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** reports lots of skippies and dolphin in 80-100 ft. of water southeast of the inlet on feathers. Some guys are doing it on fluke and some aren't—its far from consistent. Lots of bluefish off the beach for chummers, trollers, etc. Plenty of weakfish at the bridges on worms 3 ft. off the bottom on either tide from dusk on. A 15" dolphin was taken on a snapper lure in the State Channel, a few bass have been taken on eels, bunkers and plugs in local waters, but no nitty-gritty details. Loads of small but growing snappers around.

BELLMORE

The singing dog at **Merrick Marine Tackle Center** reports some flounder being taken in the Meadowbrook Bridge area at the mussel beds. Plenty of snappers all over the place on shiners or small tins. Fluke, though spotty, are being taken at Jones Inlet on killies and on sand eels. Some sea bass at the Meadowbrook Bridge on clam or worms. Porgies also at the Meadowbrook Bridge on sand worms. Bonito and albacore 150° out of the Inlet in 85-110 ft. Lots of dolphin offshore on red and white feathers and cedar jigs.

MERRICK

Jimmie at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports the fluking has improved a lot, with the golf course, Broad and Ned's Creeks and the beginning of Rowboat Alley as best producers this past week, along with the inlet's east bar. This is a run of bigger fish and they are hitting on killies and sand eels. Lots of their skiffs brought back 15-20

keeper fluke. Snappers are abundant on shiners with a float or small tins. Small blues from the inlet to the JI Buoy on the troll. Tuna at the HA area, along with bonito and a few dolphin on feathers. Jim Bolukos, Jr. had four tuna, a Spanish mackerel and a dolphin on a red and white feather during the week. Bass hound Dennis Newman did it again by dunking bunker for a 20 and 20 plus lb. bass on bunker and a 5 lber on clam chum. This was at the Black Banks and Haunts Creek area.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** reports that Norm Hamell had 16 fluke Sat. and 23 fluke on Sunday fishing Middle Bay with killies, squid and sand eels. Also good crabbing in middle bay. Joe McKeefery and crew had a solid catch of blues on umbrellas fishing east of FI in 60 ft. of water.

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FREEPORT

The Captain Al reports very good bluefishing at Cholera chumming all week. Sunday, though, there was a little too much boat traffic there. The night trips have been consistently good with over 300 blues Sat. night. The **Capt. II** has been doing well on fluke weekdays, especially on the morning trips.

Capt. Richie on the **Starstream II** reports consistently excellent night bluefish trips all through the week, but it is tougher getting a strong catch on the day trips due to the moon tides and the abundance of boat traffic. Richie characterizes it as anywhere from very good to an all-out slaughter on the night bluefish trips. They are getting 6-10 lb. fish, working from the BA to Fire Island.

Passenger Rodney Monteiro hooked 30 blues and lost 8 giving him 22 big bluefish to take off the boat. All fish were between 6-10 lbs.

Capt. Sy Carlin of the **Bluefin Fleet** called to say he has been having good day and night trips on the blues. The best was on Friday night with Capt. Warren Clyne at the wheel for the V.J. Pub Charter from Hicksville, when they had over 300 blues on the Bluefin II, fishing east of Jones Inlet. Capt. Charlie Adams on the **Bluefin** and Capt. Sy on the big boat, both fished the Farms Sat. for bluefish up to 12 lbs. on bait. Sunday saw good action at the BA and at Cholera, fish to 9 lbs on butterfish, jigs and

Bill Copperill, Bob Copperill, Tom Fyfe, Ralph Colore, Richie Moore and John Perez fished aboard Capt. Dennis Kanyuk's 'Sea Hawk' and took 53 bluefish from 2 to 10 lbs. south of Lido Beach.

Bananas.

Charter boat **The Rogue** called to say that all week he has been trolling up skippies and bonito and tuna up to 25 lbs., all on red and white feathers and cedar jigs. Friday's charter for Pat Macgee and family saw 24 blues decked in the 8-10 lb. category fishing Cholera and off the Jones Beach water tower in 30-85 ft. of water. They also nailed a 200 lb. hammerhead. Saturday's shark charter for Don and Ted Jackrel, with a water temp of 78° , saw them land 2 125 lb. duskies. One is being mounted and the other is being donated to science. Capt. Dave says he still has a few choice weekday and weekend dates available.

Charter boat **Apus** called to say that during the week shark fishing was good for brown sharks and one mako. Catches ranged up to 130 lbs., and Capt Mike fished 20 mi. south of the HA. On the weekend bluefishing was excellent, with over 3 dozen bluefish boated with about the same number dropped. Fish ranged from 5-14 lbs., plus about a dozen weakfish up to 8½ lbs. Most of these fish were taken off Long Beach trolling in 65 ft. of water.

Charter boat **Lucky Strike III** called to say that he had fluke in Jones Inlet on Sunday and that the fluking has picked up in this area.

Charter boat **Sea Hawk** called to say that sharking has been a little slow, but that on Wed. he had a 154 lb. dusky taken by Art Sullivan and party. Tuna catches have been fairly good, ranging up to 30 lbs. and he had 3 between 25-30 lbs., plus some dolphin. Also everyday he gets between 15 and 30 skipjacks. This is on red and white feathers fished in the 2nd and 3rd waves. Tuna are from 90 ft. of water south of Cholera to 115 ft. of water south of Cholera. Charter boat **Snapshot** dropped a marlin after 3 fantastic jumps.

Charter boat **Jack Pot** to say he has been getting good catches of blues and tuna, tuna from 14-35 lbs., with some weaks and skipjacks mixed in for his recent charters. Capt. Ken Brayshaw asked us to tell you that he has some choice weekend dates open, so call now for some fast action.

The **Captain Lou II** tells us that Thurs., Fri., and Sat. saw excellent fluke catches fishing the back bays. Sunday was fair. Killies are working best. Hi hook for the week was 15 fluke on Fri., 2-3 lb. fish. Capt. Mike says it looks like they're ready to move out.

The **Aloma II** reports fluking is picking up, averaging 3-6 keepers per man and that the night bluefishing has been fabulous. His next Sat. night bluefishing trip will be Sept. 2 and it is for his regular customers only and by reservation. See ad for phone number.

Capt. Tony on the **Miss Freeport** said Sat. saw very good bluefishing SE of Jones for Bobby Rief and group of NYC. Hi hook was 7 blues and it was all on bait and chum. Fluking during the week was a slow steady pick with morns best, mainly at the Inlet. Starting Sept. 5 the boat will be sailing full day fluke trips, Mon. thru Fri. at 7:30 a.m.

The **Capt. Hall** has been rapping away at the fluke and having decent catches fishing the local back waters and also the inlet. Fri. was the only off-day during the week for fluke.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports fluke at Jones inlet, mostly of good size hitting sand eels and squid. Offshore action has been fantastic with feathers in red and white, black and white or green and yellow working best. Tuna, skipjack and albacore have been caught 7 mi. north of the HA to 3 mi. SE of it. Blues from the JI buoy out to the R2 on **S&G** A-27 lures, umbrellas and tubes. Snapper fishing has been great on small spearing and small tins. Weakfish in the eves with sand worms 3 ft. off the bottom at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Mike Blanks took a nice fluke on the weekend fishing Jones Inlet.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports

Shown is part of a good catch of bluefish taken by Bruce, Leo, Scott and Jan Lugavere aboard Capt. Mike Miller's "Apus" out of Freeport.

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Freeport Boatmen's Assocation reports good fluke catches in Jones Inlet and Reynold's channel while the boat that sailed for blues did well in the early part of the days and in the late afternoons. Association boats trolling for tuna, bonito and skippies did very well, especially on tuna. Shark and dolphin were also obliging. A large white marlin was dropped in only 100 ft. of water. Dock Master Bob Kay says the ocean life is very active.

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Phil Mooney of Whitestone shows his mako of 50 lbs. taken aboard the "Shalidon" 35 mi. SE of Jones Inlet.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Marina reports that Irv Grossman took a 23 lb. tuna, 17 skipjack and bonito and Spanish mackerel offshore in 60 feet of water. Dolphin can be taken in buoy 2 out of the Inlet and small bluefish can be found anywhere from the Jones Beach Jetty out. Fluke averaging 1½ to 3 lbs. are hitting killies, squid, and sand eels up in the flats near Pt. Lookout and from the Coast Guard Station to the Meadowbrook Bridge. Blackfish from 1 to 4 lbs. are taking fiddlers at the Meadowbrook Bridge, Rota Wreck and T Wreck. Snappers are in the bay and porgies can be taken off the Pt. Lookout Pier.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** reports that on Friday Ben Kozuch and Hans DeMetz had 33 fluke trolling the flats with squid and killies. On Sat., Izak Kozuch pulled 13 more fluke from the same area. There's been a definite improvement in the fluking. The golf course and the area north of the inlet are working, with sand eels and killies best. Plenty of snappers in Reynolds Channel, while sea bass and sand porgies are at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek bridges. Lots of small tuna in 80-90 ft. of water due south of the inlet on feathers.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmann's Tackle reports that fluke are being taken in Reynolds Channel, Duck Point, and Jones Inlet. Bass up to 20 lbs. are being taken at the Meadowbrook and Atlantic Beach Bridges. Fishermen are doing a good job on these fish with clam bellies, eels, bunker, and other live baits. Bluefish and weaks are mixed in with catches at these bridges. Bluefish from 3 to 8 lbs. with an occasional fish running up to 18 lbs. are being taken offshore at the Ambrose Tower. Sanppers and porgies can be found in this area.

The Commodore reports they are doing some good fluking at Sandy Hook, N.J. and in the Ambrose Channels where there are more and bigger fluke. Hi hook of the week was John Tross of the Bronx, with 9 fluke up to 6½ lbs. taken on sand eels and spearing. In local waters, there are plenty of snappers to be had. Gary Eckert of Long Beach and Steve D'Esposito in their 22' open center console pulled up 32 cod to 41 lbs. on Thurs. fishing the Virginia. This was roughly 500 lbs. of cod.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports very good fluke fishing with fish up to 4½ lbs. taking spearing-squid and sand eels-squid combos at Duck Point and Buoy 9. There are plenty of snappers to be taken off town docks. Bluefish up to 8 lbs. are hitting umbrellas and gorilla rigs off of the Rockaways and at the Tin Can Grounds. Red, green, or black tubes are working best. Tuna up to 30 lbs. are being taken offshore in 120 feet of water.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Henning's Fishing Station reports that fluke averaging 3 lbs. are taking squid, spearing, and sand eels in Reynolds Channel and East Rockaway Inlet. An occastional bluefish up to 9 lbs. are being taken while fluking. Snappers and small blues up to 1 lb. have been moving in and out of the area. Blues from 8 to 12 lbs., bonito, and skipjacks are being taken on trolled umbrellas at the NB Buoy. Live bunker are drifted at night under the Atlantic Beach Bridge for striped bass.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** tells us that the Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun Club came in 4th place in the USATT held this past week. The 4th place fish, a 737 lb. bluefin tuna was caught by Ronnie Lepper fishing aboard Marty Feuer's Marlena. It took a hour and five mins. to land this brute. Besides Ronnie and Marty, aboard were Dr. Jerry Trussel Sandy Altr, Bob Foley. Nice going Ron.

JAMAICA BAY

John from **T & G Bait and Tackl** reported the crabs are being picke up off the North Channel Bridge Plenty of porgies being caught wit sand worms off both bridges. At nigh the stripers and weakfish are bein taken with sand worms.

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle report that bluefish are taking bait at nigh and in the early morning at the Nort Channel Bridge. Fluke are hittin killies and squid at the North Chan nel, South Channel and the Marin Parkway Bridge. Snappers can b taken locally on spearing and porgie are hitting worms and clams at th North Channel Bridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Jim of the **Amberjack V** reports good bluefish catches bot day and night trips, with fishing mor consistent at night and also larger i the 3-15 lb. range. The boat is fishin the NC area, Farms, Klondike an BA. They are also working in an offshore Sea Bright. Keep an ey peeled for the upcoming tilefishin trips and offshore wreck trips that th brand new Amberjack V will b sailing. Jim invites you all down t look his new boat over.

Capt. Fred of the **Enterprise** advises that his daily fluke trips are producing good sized fish workin Ambrose, the Lump and some othe hotspots. The night bluefish trips are consistently hot, with fish 4-13 lbs.

Charter boat **Big Mohawk II** reports although day bluefishing is not what it should be, night was no problem, that they load up. 38 passengers had over 350 blues on a night trip this past week. Capt. Tony has a few Sept. Friday nights still open.

Capt. Tom on the **Pilot II** reports he is having good bottom fishing with catches being split amongst sea bass, blackfish and porgies. Tom says there are really a lot of fish around and there is always something coming. He is working his favorite Jersey spots and expects a great Sept. season. The boat is sailing 7 PM night bluefishing trips also on Fri. and Sat. nights. Mr. and Mrs. Richie Ferris bagged up on blues on the very last trip.

The Elsie K III reports fluke very good this past week, best in a month. Fish are 3-4 lbers with a few 5-7 lbers thrown in. A 7 lb. 2 oz. pool fish was caught by Jay Erle over the weekend. They are working Sandy Hook and

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Ambrose Channel. The boat's Wed. and Sat. nights bluefish trips have been very good producers, working mainly at Ambrose.

Capt. Kevin on the **Dorothy B** reports good fluking on the day trips and his 5 PM bluefish trips have been very good. See ad for sailing schedule.

The Flamingo III reports excellent night blues working the Farms with bait and chum. Day trips are erratic, with the fish doing their feeding mainly at night probably due to the influence of the full moon that we have just come off. Capt. Walter says the pattern should change now. There are very large blues at Seabright, fish up to 18 lbs. and still lots of bait in the water. Bonito and albacore are starting to show, as is tuna.

Neil Lauro at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells us that the Federal Park Police and the crew from Stella Maris chartered the Blue Sea III Wed. night and had a super night with over 500 bluefish at Seabright. Capt Nick was at the wheel with brothers Joe and Murph and Neil says they were given a great evening. Plenty of fluke at the Marine Parkway bridge area on sand eels and squid. 99 percent are keepers. Some porgies but not a steady thing yet. Loads of snappers on small spearing.

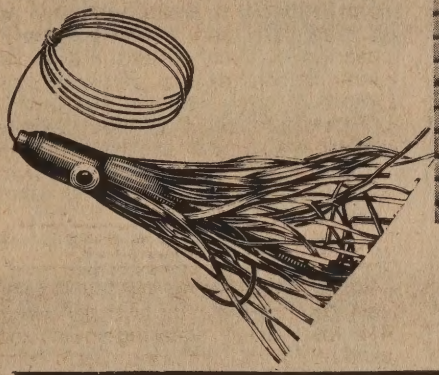
Capt. Andy on the **Traveler** reports fantastic night bluefishing—couldn't be better. Fish from 2-12 lbs. working from the Farms to Seabright and not a bad night in three weeks. All on bait. Great fishing. Harvey Lashinski of Brooklyn bagged a 4 lb. 7 oz. sea bass this past week. Porgies are hot and cold. Things are better than they have been on the bottom and there's always something biting. Porgies are everywhere and once they start to feed, there should be full pails. Wed. saw Janie Mutzger take 18 porgies and 15 sea bass.

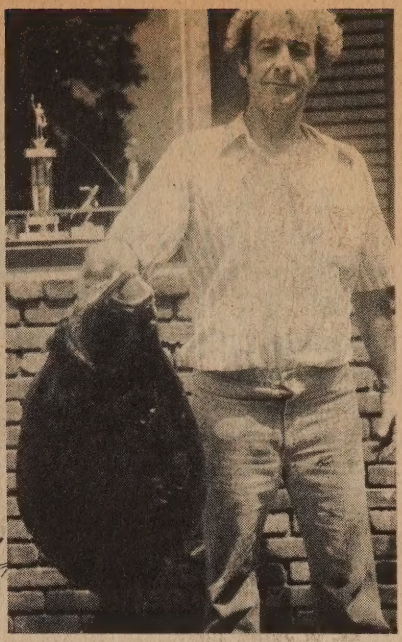
Capt. Nick on the **Blue Sea III** reports fluking good from Seabright to Elberon on smelt and spearing, 5 to 6 fish per man, up to 10 lbs. Sunday's pool fish was 8 lbs. During the week, an even fluke in the 5-10 lb. range was taken from the drift. Nick says the night bluefishing has been unreal, just fantastic. Hi hook Friday night was 45 blues on bait and chum.

The Atomic II and **Helen H** both report excellent night blues anywhere from good to a complete slaughter.

STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports that 2 schools of bluefish are in the area from Princess Bay to Tottenville. These fish of 1½ to 3 lbs. and 8 to 12 lbs. are hitting lancers of white, green, and red colors. Weakfish from 6 to 8 lbs. can be found below the schools of smaller blues. There is a slow pick of big bluefish in the 9 to 15 lb. range at the VZ Bridge. These fish are taking bunker bait. Weakfish from 6 to 8 lbs. are hitting drifted worms at the 21 can. Fluke averaging 1½ to 2 lbs. are taking sand eels and squid from South Beach to Hoffmans Island. Surf fishermen are picking up big bluefish from 10 to 12 lbs. on whole small bunker at piers 8, 17, and 18. Ten to twelve pound bluefish are hitting Gibbs and Danny swimmers at South Beach during sunrise. Blue claw crabs and snappers are in the Harbor in Great Kills Park. Baby weakfish are mixed in with the snappers and a reminder that they must be 12 inches or larger before you keep them. Sand porgies have also moved into the area and catches have been good. Bluefish and fluke are being taken off of the Jetty in Great Kills Park.





Lou Esposito of Huntington took this 11¾ lb. fluke at Eaton's Neck fishing with umbrella rigs. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

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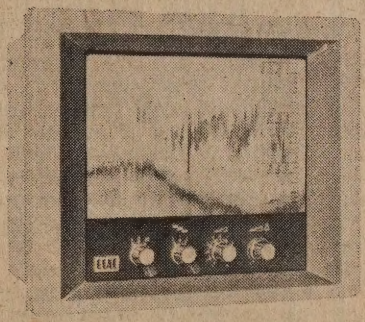

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PORGIES

GREENPORT

A.P. White Bait Shop reports that porgies up to 3 lbs. are being picked up at Fishers and Gardiners Island. The **Wilhelric II** and the **Brand X** are loading up with these porgies of mixed size. Bluefish from 3 to 10 lbs. are taking bucktails, diamond jigs, and bait in the Race and Pigeon Rip. Blacks to 7 lbs. are taking fiddler, green crabs, and worms along the Sound Shore, Plum Island, and Gull Island. Fluke are still being taking east of the Ruins.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported fishing in the bay was on the slow side for the most over the weekend. There were a couple of good catches of porgies at buoy 17 and South PFerry but overall it wasn't that great. Theres still some 2 to 4 pound blues around buoy 17. One fellow took a 9¾ pound fluke from just west of the Orient Station. In the Sound the porgy fishing was much better. Blackfish are still around, out by Orient Light.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports great weakfishing at Nassau Point and Roses Grove. These fish are running 2 to 3 lbs. and are taking sand worms on the bottom hook. Kingfish are hitting sand worms and clams in the Roses Grove area. Porgies averaging 1 lb. can be taKEN ON WORMS AND CLAMS IN THE South Race-buoy 25.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reported the best fluke fishing is inshore of buoy 5 where some fish around 3 pounds or so were taken. No bass last week. Blues are all over and seem to be hitting throughout the day. The bay is quiet but good sized porgies are almost all are the inshore areas of the Sound.

Speck's Bait and Tackle in Southampton tells of weakfish being caught in the Peconic off the Nationals at night on Tin. While porgies are slow now, snappers are red hot. Shinnecock fluking has been spotty, but those hitting are doing so on squid and sand eels. Blues are still around the Inlet on tubes, Hopkins and any shiny stuff. They are being jigged at Jessup's. This week you had to work for your fish. A 42 lb. longfin albacore was caught off Block Island on feathers in 180 ft. of water.

NOYAC

Helen from **Noyac Marina** reports there were some nice catches of fish brought in this past week. On Friday Tony Kissanis and son Lee and John A. Julios with his two sons Tony and Nicky, from Douglaston caught 40 humpback porgies and two nice weakfish, anchored at buoy 16. On Saturday, Jacob McFarlin and friends came in with a nice catch of humpback porgies and 5 school weaks. They had been anchored, and found fishing better on the outgoing tide.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND
★ BEST BET ★
BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that bluefish averaging 2 to 5 lbs. remain all over the area and can be taken trolling, jigging, and on bait. A few bonito and small weakfish have been mixed in with the schools of blues. Striped bass are being taken from the Surf on Hopkins and poppers from Miller Place Beach to Hagermans Landing in the early morning. Porgies can be taken on worms at Old Field Point. Fluke averaging 4½ lbs. are taking tinker mackerel, squid, and sand eels between buoy 9 and the Tower. Nice fish are also being taken at buoy 5.

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Ralph's Fishing Station reports that porgies up to 2½ lbs. are taking clams and worms straight off the harbor. Fluke are being taken along the Flats on killies, squid, and sand eels. Average catches are running 10 to 12 keeper fluke per boat. Bluefish from 2 to 6 lbs. are taking umbrellas at buoy 9. Weakfish from 9 to 11 lbs. and bonito are mixed in with bluefish catches.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported plenty of blues taken trolling between buoy 11 and 9. These are primarily smaller fish from 3 to 4 pounds. There were some fish between 9 and 1(pounds out at Stratford Shoals. Mil lions of porgies, particularly off Old Field Point. Snappers in the harbor and mixed in a tinker mackerel. Kid are catching both on shiny lures

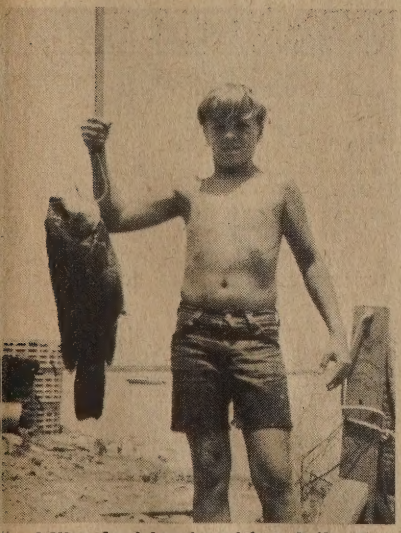
Fluke is good but not excellent. Worm trollers are taking a fair amount of bass in the Narrows.

KINGS PARK

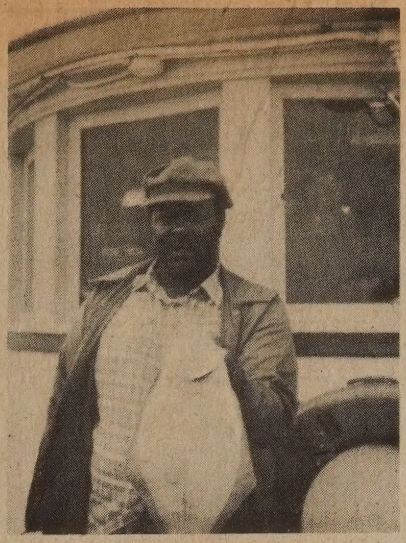
Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports dynamite fishing for porgies and blues. There is a tremendous body of 1 to 2 lb. bluefish right in front of the River and even tourists are catching some. On Saturday Sal Lengua and Phil Weilbacker trolled a triple header of 2 blues and 1 weakfish and then settled down to take 27 big porgies. Paul, Sal and Sophie Bruno popped up 40 blues on light tackle on Saturday. Sal and Sophie returned Sunday to take 25 more. Norman Schwartz used small diamond jigs to take 30 mini choppers off of Little Africa on Saturday. Charlie Savvas and friends fished off Sunken Meadow on Saturday and took 60 jumbo porgies. They returned Sunday for 75 more nice size fish. There are a few jumbo blues around. Michael Messina weighed in a 12 lb. bluefish while John Bishop brought 1 to gaff a touch over 14 lbs. There are rumors that some of the sharpies are taking a few bass. One confirmed catch belonged to Ed Arnold who worm trolled fish of 17, 18, and 24 lbs. off the Causeway at Cold Spring Harbor during Friday night.

NORTHPORT

Bowmans Sporting Goods reports that bluefish catches were not as big in number as last week but there are still plenty of fish to be had at the Obstruction Buoy and at buoy 15 off Lloyd's Point. These fish are averaging 5 to 6 lbs. and are taking diamond jigs, banana tubes, and umbrellas. Weakfish averaging 9 lbs. have been mixed in with these fish. On Saturday morning bluefish in the 1 to 2 lb. class were taken on the surface off of the



Mike Andriaccio with a 8 lb. 7 oz. blackfish taken while fishing off of Caliahan's Beach. Photo courtesy of Mae's Way Fishing Station.



Arthur Jones caught this pool winning fluke on a sand worm aboard the City Island party boat "Ebb Tide."

Lilco plant. Snappers can be found all over the area and can be caught off of town docks and beaches. Nice size porgies are taking sand worms off Steer Stock in Northport Harbor and off Sand City. Fluking has been good on squid, sand eels, and snappers off of the Coast Guard Station and Target Rock. Bass from 5 to 10 lbs. with an occasional 20 pounder are being taken on clam chum in the Rip off of Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station.

HUNTINGTON

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready** reported terrific bluefishing all week long, with many runs producing great numbers of fish. Sunday's morning run ended in a bluefish riot. Captain Don reported that a new fall sailing schedule will be out after Labor Day. Please note his ad. The Ava-27 jigs and the Tri-Fin chromed eels seem to be producing the best.

Four Winds Tackle reports that bluefish from 3 to 5 lbs. and weakfish up to 10 lbs. are taking umbrellas and jigs at buoy 15. Blues up to 15 lbs. are taking bunker chunks on the bottom between the Obstruction Buoy and 11B. Bass from 8 to 12 lbs. are being clam chummed at Eatons Neck. Fluke in the 4 to 8 lbs. range are taking sand eels and squid at buoy 15-Lloyds Neck and off the Coast Guard Station at Eatons Neck. Plenty of porgies can be taken on worms and clams at Sand City , Duck Island, and Marshall Field.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait and Tackle reports that blues and weakfish are taking Ava 27's and Bridgeport sand eel jigs off of Lloyds Neck. Fluke are taking sand eels and squid drifting off of buoy 2. Bluefish are being produced on bunker off of the Old Lighthouse in Oyster Bay during the evening. Snappers are all over the area.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Tackle Shop reported porgies slacked off during last week but were good on the weekend. The blues were right out in front of the dock last Sunday. Joseph Snyder and his two sons took two 15 pounders and one 16 pounder just after renting a boat. The party boat **Claire** found the big blues between the Whitestone and Throgs Neck Bridges and really did a jog on the big fish. Andy Stars has been taking 7 to 10 bass per trip fishing either High or Harts Island. The City Island boats have been running way up the Sound for blues from 3 to 5 pounds. Plenty of snappers around along with tinker macks.

The Ebb Tide reported they were doing very well with porgies until Sunday afternoon when it slowed down. Catching them on sand worms. Fishing the Smithtown, Lloyd's Neck and Huntington area. There were a few flounders mixed in, but mainly porgies.

BRONX RIVER

Shelter Cove Marina reports that Joe Calciano took a 19½ lb. bluefish on fish bait fishing off the Shelter Cove jetty this past week.

Jonathan Berkeley and his father with the 6 lb. pool winning bluefish taken aboard the "Claire II" out of the World's Fair Marina.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	12:49	1:18	1:42	2:15	1:36	2:08	2:35	3:04	4:47	5:14	4:25	4:50	12:42	1:15	8/24
FRI.	1:39	2:07	2:38	3:15	2:29	2:59	3:36	4:04	5:56	6:21	5:22	5:46	1:38	2:12	8/25
SAT.	2:34	3:03	3:41	4:15	3:22	3:53	4:37	5:07	7:03	7:29	6:21	6:45	2:36	3:09	8/26
SUN.	3:31	3:58	4:42	5:14	4:21	4:50	5:40	6:03	8:07	8:28	7:19	7:42	3:35	4:04	8/27
MON.	4:31	4:58	5:40	6:06	5:21	5:47	6:37	6:53	9:02	9:21	8:14	8:35	4:32	4:59	8/28
TUE.	5:30	5:51	6:33	6:54	6:18	6:39	7:23	7:37	9:53	10:08	9:04	9:22	5:23	5:47	8/29
WED.	6:23	6:39	7:15	7:36	7:08	7:24	8:05	8:18	10:36	10:49	9:51	10:05	6:11	6:32	8/30
THUR.	7:08	7:21	7:57	8:15	7:51	8:04	8:44	8:55	11:16	11:25	10:31	10:47	6:54	7:14	8/31

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example. "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:12	7:55
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:39

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	10:35	**4:50**	11:00	**5:10**
Fri.	11:25	**5:35**	11:45	**5:55**
Sat.	—	**6:20**	12:10	**6:40**
Sun.	12:30	**7:05**	12:55	**7:25**
Mon.	1:10	**7:45**	1:40	**8:10**
Tues.	1:55	**8:30**	2:25	**8:55**
Wed.	2:40	**9:15**	3:10	**9:35**
Thurs.	3:25	**9:55**	3:50	**10:20**